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Battle lines forming for PNC Covenant debate

WEEKLY REVIEW

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Palestinian National Council is scheduled to convene this evening in Gaza for three days of procedural matters, then take a break and convene again, possibly next week after the Moslem feast of Id al-Adha; to decide the fate of the Palestinian

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Salim Zaanoun, acting chairman of the PNC, who prefers to establish a new charter without explicitly annulling any part of the old one, will be fighting for his job, since one of the items on the agenda is the election of a new PNC chairman.

The official chairman, 93-year Abdel Hamed Sayegh, has not

arrived for the PNC session. Zaanotm said in an interview with Agence France Presse; published in the daily Hayat al-Jadida yesterday, that the legal committee of the PNC would debate seven drafts of a new national covenant. All are similar in that they support the idea of a Palestinian state in friendly relations with its neighbors.

The final draft will then be presented to the full PNC for a vote. However, no proposal will be acceptable under the Oslo Accords unless it explicitly annuls the existing 33-article covenant or the 10 articles in it which call for the destruction of

The most likely result of the PNC session is e new charter. which would assert Palestinian rights to all of the territory up to the 1967 border, plus statehood. and a capital in Jerusalem. At the same time, it would include an article invalidating the previous charter, first written in 1964 but in its present form since 1968.

The wording will be crucial and bitterly fonght over. The new covenant must replace and not simply take precedence over the old one.

Members might argue that wording in the old covenant which does not explicitly call for the destruction of Israel but portrays it in a negative light, such as "associated with international imperialism," shoold stay. They might assert that it is reasonable to continue to refer to the PLO's role in "the liberation of Palestine" as events have changed the meaning of the word "liberation." However, it would leave opponents of the peace process free to interpret it in the old way.

Several members of the Popular and Democratic Fronts for the Liberation of Palestine have arrived with the intention of voting against changing the covenant.

Mobammed Abbas, Palestinian who masterminded the hijacking of the Achille Lauro cruise litter, entered the Gaza Strip yesterday to attend the meeting. Renter reported.

Hamas, which does not belong to the PLO or the PNC, distributed a leaflet yesterday urging members to boycott the PNC meeting until Hamas prisoners are freed.



US pushing for cease-fire plus pact Christopher continues



PM Shimon Peres and US Secretary of State Warren Christopher meet the press yesterday. (Brief Hender)

Israel won't link Hebron pullback to capture of Deif

no longer linking the IDF pullback from Hebron to the capture top ... Hamas fugitive Mohammed Deif, a source close to the premier insisted yesterday.

The pullback is thus expected to occur before the May 29 elections, assuming the Palestine National Council annuls elements of its 1964 covenant calling for

Israel's destruction. The move would come amid growing confidence by Israeli officials that the Palestinian Authority has taken tougher measures against Hamas, including combing "hundreds of mosques" and finding a "few bundred kilos of explosives."

At the same time, security offi-cials say they have no evidence that the PA bas banned the military wing of Hamas and Islamic Jihad, as promised by PA Chairman Yasser Arafat. Furthermore, senior security officials say, the PA has yet to apprehend five of the top 13 Hamas fugitives, including Deif.

During a March 17 cabinet meeting, Peres made clear than Deif must be caught before Israel's pullback from Hebron. Participants cited Peres as saying, "So long as an ill-wind emanates

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres is _____ DAVID MAKOVSKY

from Gaza, and Mohammed Deif plans attacks which could come from Hebron as well, we have a problem. Until Deif and his friends are caught; we will not leave Hebron." Peres repeated his linkage between Hebron and Deif

in public statements. In a bid to enable Arafat to tell the PNC that a Hebron pullback is on the way and therefore they should annul the objectionable parts of their covenant, Israel has agreed to the deployment of np to 90 Norwegian observers in

Foreign Ministry legal adviser Joel Singer, who has been negotiating with PA official Saeb Erekat on this issue, said he expects a Norwegian advance team of approximately 15 people to arrive in Hebron within the next several

The Norwegians will not have a security role per se, but their presence would be modeled on the Temporary International Presence in Hebron (TIPH) in the aftermath of the Hebron massacre

Meanwhile, Israeli officials are confident that two thirds of 660 vote, to alter their covenant. It remains unclear whether they will do so at their meeting this week, or at a later series of meetings before the Oslo Accords deadline of May 7th.

It is feared that failure to do so would hurt Peres's electoral chances, and no less important for the Palestinians, jeopardize the estimated \$75 million in annual IIS assistance

Diplomatic sources believe the PLO will annul the entire 1964 charter, and only agree on adopting a new charter after the Israeli elections. Apparently, the fear is that aspects of a new charter could antagonize Israeli support for Peres, such as a call for Jerusalem as the capital of a Palestinian

Yet security officials are less certain. They note the "combinaoon of the closure and the Kafr Kana" shelling in Lebanon last week could make it harder for the

PNC to approve the moves. In a recent interview with The Jerusalem Post, Peres made clear that Israel's demand related to sections calling for the destruction of Israel, and would not deal with

Settlers fear redeployment, Page 3

Damascus-Jerusalem shuttle

THE US is supporting Israel's demand that Hizbullah stop operations against the IDF from villages north of the security zone, diplomatic sources said

last night.
US Sectretary of State Warren
Christopher wants simultaneously to reach a cease-fire and detailed written understandings to reduce violence between Israel and Hizbullah, US offieials indicated to reporters en route to Damascus yesterday.

The US has been disabused of the notion that it could first reach a cease-fire and only then reach new understandings, they suggested. It now believes they must be attained as one package.

Israeli officials insist the ongoing acrial, naval, and artillery attacks are the only lever to obtain new understandings.

Sources said the US officials also said Iran is providing Hizbullah with Karvushas, which are being fired at the Galilee. Speaking on ABC News's This Week with David Brinkley, Christopher called on countries to take strong measures to marginal-

Christopher began his mission with a meeting on Saturday with Syrian President Hafez Assad. He flew to Israel yesterday morning for talks with Prime Minister Shimon Peres, and returned to Damascus in the evening.

Christopber, who will meet Assad this morning before returning to Jerusalem, is expected to arrive at a first draft of the proposed new understandings today. Israeli officials believe be would like to reach a deal no later than Wednesday. Some believe this is also Israel's wish, due to

Independence Day. At a joint press conference with Peres, Christopher declared his aim is to obtain a "cease-fire and an enduring set of understandings that can restore calm, can protect the civilians on both sides of the

Peres held two sets of meetings with Christopher, and top aides on both sides met as well. A diplomatic source said Israel would like to see the following points as part of the new understandings:

"One, there would be no Katyusha attacks on the North. Two, there would be minimal fricdon between Israel and Hizbullah. Three Highellah would not misinterpret the understandings. Four,

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in the event of a violation, Israel would enjoy freedom of move-ment. Five, Syria would have a greater role in restraining Hizbullah.

The source hinted that the notion of "minimizing friction" could mean reduced attacks within the security zone, but admitted that there is no way Israel can obtain explicit assurances of no

Cost of operation so far - \$100m.

DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

OPERATION Grapes of Wrath has cost the economy at least \$100 million so far, government officials said yesterday.

Government spokesman Uri
Dromi said this initial estimate

includes lost work days, damaged property, handling of thousands of evacuees, decreased tourism, and various other indirect costs of the 11-day-old operation.

"It could get much worse," Dromi added.

Since the operation began, more than 500 rockets have been fired at Israel, Dromi said, noting that, according to government figures, about 450 Katyushas were fired by Lebanese and Palestinian groups from 1968 until the current offensive. He said 34 people died in those attacks.

Property Tax authorities, Katyushas have caused NIS 20m. in direct property damage and another NIS 50m. in indirect

Kiryat Shmona Mayor Prosper Azran said 1,000 homes and more than 200 cars have been damaged in the town, as well as several fac-

The direct damage, according to the municipality's estimates, is around NIS 20m. and another NIS 50m. have been lost because of the closure of businesses and

the effect on tourism. Damage to tourism, Page 2 attacks in the security zone, since Syria does not recognize the zone as a special entity.

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He refused to say that Israel explicitly called for an agreement which ends Hizhullah's use of Shi'ite villages north of the secu-rity zone. Whether this can be obtained in practice remains unclear, but it is clear that Israel's hargaining position is obviously weaker than it was before errant IDF shells hit Kafr Kana, killing

more than 100 Lebanese refugees. In his TV appearance, Christopher said Syria's moovation for achieving an Israel-Hizbullah cease-fire is its desire to resume the Washington-based peace talks.

"I think they want a cease-fire, because they would like to get back to the bargaining table, they would like to get back to the peace process," Christopher, speaking from Jerusalem, said.

'After all, Israel is occupying the Golan Heights, which Syria regards as part of its territory, so they've got a very important role in the long run and I do think that they would like to bring this fighting to an end so they can get back to the peace process.

"But their negotiations are going to be very difficult. There are some tough issues remaining."

Christopher said Assad is a key to ending the fighting, because "There's no doubt in my mind Syria has great influence over Hizbollah. That's why I'm talking to them. There's some influence also in Lebanon. But I think the combination of those two can bring this fighting to an end."

Complicating the US diplomatic drive has been the presence of several European foreign ministers in the area, also bidding to help resolve the crisis. Their concealed irritation by the Americans, despite public expressions of willingness to coordinate.

Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara yesterday praised a plan being advanced by French Foreign Minister Herve de Charette, which French officials say would include a guarantor role for Syria and Iran as well as Western countries.

The French plan has several positive points, which are worth discussion to solve the current crisis," Shara said in a statement released by the official Syrian (Continued on Page 3)

delegates at the PNC session will Central bank ups rates by 0.8%

THE Bank of Israel yesterday announced it is raising its key lending rate by 80 base points, to 14.8 percent, effective April

Two months after it had last

Remembrance

Day begins at 8 tonight REMEMBRANCE Day for the Fallen of Israel's Wars will begin

this evening a 8, when a minute-

long siren will sound throughout

the country. Memorial ceremonies, organized by municipalities and local and regional authorities with the assistance of Yad Labanim, will be held throughout the country in the presence of IDF units. bereaved families, government representatives, and MKs. The main ceremony will be at the Western Wall, attended by President Ezer Weizman and Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen.

Amnon Lipkin-Shahak At 11 tomorrow morning, a two-minute siren will sound and official memorial ceremonies will begin at more than 40 military cemeteries and military sections

of civilian cemeteries. Restructants and other places of entertainment will be closed tonight and tomorrow. (Itim)

raised its discount rate, from 13.7% to 14.0%, the central bank yesterday cited new indications of inflationary pressures as the reason for its decision to further tighten its monetary policy.

The five major banks announced yesterday they will raise their prime lending rates 0.8% on Friday in response to the Bank of Israel's rate hike.

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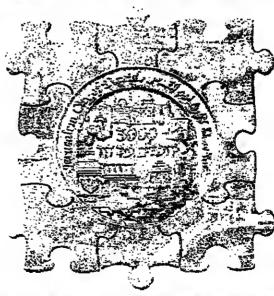
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IDF continues to blast Hizbullah

HIZBULLAH cootioned to fite Katyushas at the Galilee yesterday, despite intensive diplomatic efforts to try to broker a cease-

Several salvoes were fired at the Western and Central Galilee. as well as the Pandhandle, There were no casualties but one man had to be treated for shock.

The attacks prompted heavy shelling hy IDF gunners of suspected Hizbullah targets and Katyusha lauochiog sites north of the security zone. The IAF also struck at targets in south Lebaoon, especially around the villages of Jibsheet, Ad-Sheet, Majdal Salim, and Kleila.

The IDF Spokesman said the pilots reported direct hits and all aircraft returned safely.

Navy gunboats cootioued to

pound the coastal road between Sidon and Tyre with missiles to prevent Hizbullah sending reinforcements or arms to the south. There were also reports of sev-

eral attacks near Syrian checkpoints close to the Awali River. There were no immediate reports of any casualties as a result of the IDF attacks. Hizhollah,

however, has been trying to conceal the oumber of casualties, which is thought to be far higher than those it had admitted so far. More than 35 Katyushas were

fired from Saturday midnight until last night, although less than 20 hit the Galilee or the zone. In response, according to reports from Lehaoon, the IDF fired over. 900 rounds of artillery and there were at least seven air attacks. This would make yesterday one of the "quietest" days since the beginning of Operation Grapes of Wrath.

At least 50 families left Kiryat Shmona for Eilat and more have registered to take a break from the attacks and tension. Those who took the buses heading south said they did so reluctantly, but felt the need to get away, "if only for a little while."

"If while we are traveling a cease-fire is announced, we will be happy to turn round and come straight back. As it is, we just want to have a break for a while," said one woman.

Meanwhile, Freoch Foreign Minister Herve de Charette visit-

The same message was con-

veved to Orr when he met mem-

bers of the forum of heads of

confrootatioo lice settlemeots.

Orr called on residents and com-

cil heads to continue to be strong,

steadfast, and patient saying:

Those who understand Lebanon

know there is no quick solution.

thought it would be possible to

[completely] stop the Katyushas.

Part of the response against Hiz-

bullah is limited because we are

trying to avoid harming civilians,

although we doo't always

"Hizbullah is making cynical

He maiotained that "nobody

There never was "

ed UNIFIL and later the site of the Fijian battalion headquarters in Kana, where more than 100 Lebanese civilians were killed as a result of IDF artillery fire.

A special team has also been sent to the area by UN Secretary-Geoeral Boutros Boutros-Ghali to investigate the Kana tragedy. UN sources said the team of investigators met with Depoty Chief of Staff Maj.-Gen. Matan

The IDF coahled the Red Cross to send several aid convoys with food, medicines, and other medical aid to residents of southem Lebanon. The IDF Spokesman emphasized that since start of operation, the IDF has allowed dozens of Red Cross convovs to reach area residents.



A member of an Artillery Corps gun crew takes a break from shelling Hizbullah yesterday to play a computer game.

(Avim Shapira/Israel Sun)

IDF to probe. Kana shelling

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

THE IDF has appointed a brigadiet-general to investigate the shelling of the UNIFIL position in Kafr Kana in south Lebanon last Thursday, which killed at least 100 Lebanese refugees.

The internal inquiry will present its findings to the cabinet, said cabinet secretary Shmuel Hollander. In a statement to the press, Hollander reiterated Prime Minister Shimon Peres's position that Hizbuliah is to blame for drawing the IDF fire upon the civilians.

Deputy Chief of General Staff Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilna'i admitted yesterday that the shelling of Kana was a "professional military mistake."

"The IDF is not hiding anything and will hand over all the conclusions to whoever needs it," Vilna'i said, adding he does not believe a government commission of inquiry is necessary.

Vilna'i added that it is essential for the IDF to carry out Operation Grapes of Wrath to defend Israeli citizens. But he said the military is restricted from using its full might.

The IDF's decision to set up the internal investigation contradicts the position takeo by Chief of Geoeral Staff Lt.-Geo. Amoon Lipkin-Shahak immediately following the shelling. He said then that there had been no mistake in judgment in firing the five shells which mistakenly hit the

Northern residents: Israel must do what it takes to achieve aims

RESIDENTS and heads of settlemeots io the North vesterday called oo the government to "stand firm" until all the aims of

 been achieved The message was relayed in a letter to Prime Minister Shimon of Wrath," Upper Galilee Re-Peres by members of kibbutzim m the Upper Galilee. It was echoed hy Kiryat Shmooa Mayor Prosper Azran in a press conference and in a meeting in Ma'alot hetween council leaders and Deputy Defeose Mioister Ori

UNIFIL snubs IDF reception

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

in virtually all the cases, the message to the government was the same: We are prepared to live with the present situation as long operation."

IN an appareot soub, UNIFIL

representatives did not show up

at a Tel Aviv Independence Day

· reception held by the IDF for

The reception, held at the

Eretz Yisrael Museum, drew rep-

resentatives from dozens of coun-

tries, including Jordanian Army

Chief Liaison Officer Mansor

Ahu Rashad. Brig.-Gen. David

Tzur, head of the IDF Liaisoo

Uoit with Foreign Forces, dis-

missed the absence of UNIFIL

· representatives, saying they were

likely husy with the fighting in

military attaches yesterday.

Operatioo Grapes of Wrath have

as oecessary - provided we doo't have to go through it all again in

another few months or years. "We wish to strengtheo your hand and that of the government and the IDF in Operation Grapes

gional Council chairman Aharon Valenci, said in a letter to Peres. "We expect and hope that the outcome will be a document of understandings that will be more significant than those reached in Operatioo Accouotability. We will remain steadfast as long as oecessary to allow the IDF and the government to achieve the aims for which we began this

use of villages, ambulances, and homes, and there's no doubt that when you have to fight in this manner, your hands are tied."

He maintained that the IDF's operations have been effective and this can be seen in the fact that receot attacks had been more sporadic, less accurate, and less harmful.

"Nevertheless, as long as there is no cease-fire, the IDF is entitled to respond wherever it thinks necessary," said Orr.

Azran said Kiryat Shmona residents would not be in a hurry to return unless coocrete commitments are given to ensure there will be no further attacks.

PRIME Minister Shimoo Peres, One-third drop in tourism feared

HAIM SHAPIRO

UNIFIL spokesman Timnr Goksel said he was so busy he was ooaware of the invitatioo. But he said that UNIFIL officers are not in the mood for celebrating due to Operation Grapes of

killed more than 100 people. "We are not extremely pleased, as you know. The UNI-FIL officers are very busy with the situation. They did not show

last night. Families and frieods of also participated. the 13 victims, the chief rabhis,

Wrath and the IDF shelling of the UN positioo at Kafr Kana, which

up for practical and emotional reasons," Goksel said.

Memorial unveiled for Dizengoff victims

An onveiling ceremony for a me- and other public figures attendmorial at the site of the Dizeogoff ed. Several people who were Center suicide-bomhing was held wounded in the March 4 attack

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DAVE GOULD

North could mean a drop of up to third in national tourism, according to Hotel Association director Avi Rosental.

Rosental said he feared that maoy woold-he tourists from abroad had already eanceled plans to visit Israel. Others, who were thinking of coming to Israel, have now decided to go to other destinations this sommer, he

"Tourism is a very sensitive industry," Rosental said.

He noted that the 14 hotels along the oorthern border were already empty. The few rooms rented were for journalists covering the hostilities. Every week the fighting continues, he says, means a loss of about NIS 3 millioo to the hoteliers in the area.

Even if the bostilities were to end immediately, he said, prospects for May and June in the North are very bad, since both Israelis and foreign tourists have

CONTINUED hostilities in the canceled reservations. The visitors will slowly return to the region, with Israelis, who are the most flexible, coming first.

In additioo, he pointed oot, about 2,500 hotel rooms in other parts of the country are presently occupied by families from the North. Some are free and others being rented at heavily subsidized rates, he said. The present situation in the

North and in Lebanon is only part of the problem, Rosental added. He said toorists were already frightened away hy the recent terror attacks. Eveo last week's visitors not to come to Israel, he said

During the past few years, he added, the area has presented an image of stability which served to encourage tourists to come. Now this image has been shattered, he said. All this could have an immediate effect on the country's some

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In deep mourning,

His wife, Rosa

preoccupied with Operation Grapes of Wrath, has had little time to prepare for his visit to the US, and some of his aides have

suggested postponing it, a senior

official said yesterday. He said neither Peres nor his aides have been able to develop the list of defense and diplomatic proposals they had hoped to raise with US officials during the visit, scheduled for April 28-30. These proposals include key strategic issoes, sneh as a US-Israeli

US and Israeli defense officials have been discussing the agenda for Peres's visit for the past month. Curreotly, the head of the Peotagoo's Ballistic Missile

Meridor: Be tough

bombing in Cairo could influence Likud MK Dan Meridor lashed out at the government yesterday, charging it would be jeopardizing the IDF's deterreot force "for years to come if it allows the current operation in Lebanon to end without anything in effect having been changed or accomplished. We must arrive at a situation m which the disturbances in the 30,000 hotel workers, he said. North cannot recur." Sarah Honig STEVE RODAN

Talk of Peres postponing US visit

due to lack of preparation

Defense Organization, Geo. Malcolm O'Neill, is here trying to formulate an accord oo theater anti-missile defense. Later this week, Defense Ministry Director-Geoeral David Ivry flies to Washingtoo to hold acothet round of preparatory talks with Defense Department officials. Still, Israeli officials acknowl-

edged that Peres and his aides have been preoccupied by Lebanon. One official raised the possibility that Peres might be forced to stay to oversee the IDF campaign against Hizbullah, should US Secretary of State Warreo Christopher fail to achieve a

Sources close to Peres dismissed the prospect of a delay in his trip, but acknowledged that Operation Grapes of Wrath has topped the diplomatic and security ageoda over the last two weeks, thus preventing officials from properly preparing his agenda in the US.

During his visit, Peres is expected to raise a host of strategic issues, incloding cooperatioo io anti-missile defense, counterierrorism, guidelines on the use of civilian satellites, and development of a US-Israel alliance. The last issue is regarded as requiring the most preparation, the sources said, as Israel must ensure that any pact does not limit its freedom of action.

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IDF to pro PA displays 6 men suspected of plotting to kill Arafat

GAZA police yesterday displayed six members of a "secret wing" of Hamas whom they said had plot-ted to kill PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat on orders from activists in Jordan.

.. However, two, who were presented at a press conference in Deir el-Balah, turned themselves in and will be amnestied, a police-

The alleged plotters said they were given written instructions by Ziad Kishawi, who fled to Jordan from Gaza, to stalk Arafat at the Martyr's Cemetery in Gaza. They understood this meant to kill him.

Arafat, who visits the cemetery each Moslem holiday, was next scheduled to visit it on Id al-Adha (the feast of the sacrifice) this coming Sunday, said Col. Tawfik Jaber, Palestinian intelligence

chief in southern Gaza. Arafat waved a document before the elected Palestinian Council in Ramallah last week which he said showed Hamas activists in Jordan were giving orders which amounted to "a declaration of war" against the Palestinian Authority. The document, he said, was dated April 19

The "secret wing" uncovered publicly yesterday began working "about a year ago," Jaber said.

Coming one day before the con-vening of the Palestinian National Council, the press conference appeared designed to arouse emotional support for Arafat's leadership and to discredit Hamas.

In a leaflet issued yesterday, Hamas called on PNC members to boycott the PNC session which must change the anti-Israel national charter.

One of the two men permitted to speak, Muataz Kheil, said, "We decided to give ourselves up because it would harm the Palestinian people and we wanted to avoid a civil war." Another, Khaled Kuka, said, "We refused to assassinate. That was mad-

The group started functioning as a "revenge unit" after the death of Kamil Keheil, an Izzadin Kassam leader, who died in an explosion in his apartment a year ago while making bombs. Hamas said he

was killed by Israeli agents. Two other men who did not speak were identified as Ghanem Hasbash, head of the secret wing, and Mohammed Muhawish, in

charge of the wing's security.

Jaber said two of the arrested men had cooperated and helped lead to the arrest of Hamas gunmen and the prevention of six planned suicide attacks.



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News Agency SANA. Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, who is also in Damascus, told Iranian television: "Most of the participants in the efforts to end the Lebanese crisis are inclined towards the French plan, which is more bal-

anced and nearer to reality." But Peres said that despite the many diplomatic fronts, the one annel for negotiations is the

United States. We shall not reject to see anyone ... but we cannot have three agreements on the same issue, because this will mean no agreement at all," he said.

Peres met yesterday in Jerusalem with Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov and said he would prefer that one element coordinate these efforts, adding that Israel will not countenance the existence of several armed forces in Lebanon.

"Hizbullah acts as an indepen-

dent element, and the Lebanese government must disarm it," Peres said.

Regarding Iran, he said it supports, finances, and trains Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and Hizbullah, and that its statements are not to be believed.

Primakov said that in his meetings with Iranians he gained the impression that there are various trends and that not all of them added, Russia will exercise its influence on Iran so that the latter will restrain Hizbullah and re-

strict its activities. The cabinet, meeting as the Ministerial Defense Committee, was briefed by Chief of Staff Lt-Gen. Annon Lipkin-Shahak and other senior officers on the situation in the North.

Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni accused the IDF of destroying Lebanon three times. She asked Shahak, "Have you finished your campaign yet?"



Jerusalem Maynr Ehud Olmert (left) presents a plaque to Lenny Wilf yesterday at the dedication of the Harry Wilf Garden at Independence Park, donated by Wilf in memory of his father.

State given 45 days to draft new remand

regulations EVELYN GORDON

THE High Court of Justice yesterday gave the state 45 days to draw up new rules ensuring that the remands of prisoners from the territories are extended in public hearings, with their lawyers present, rather than in secret.

The decision was in response to petition by the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI), which charged that remand hearings are often held secretly in the interrogation chambers of prisons. ACRI also charged that attorneys and family members are often not even told when and where the hearings are taking place, and that even when they are, attorneys from the territories are often forbidden to attend because of the elosure.

The state conceded there are problems with the current system, and said the IDF Judge Advocate-General had therefore ordered the military judges to hold remand hearings in public halls within the prisons rather than in interrogation rooms from now on. The state also told the court it intends to allow attorneys from the territories to come to the hearings despite the closure, and that family members will be allowed to anend when

High Court upholds land expropriations for Hebron area road

THE High Court of Justice yesterday upheld the expropriation of land in Hebron to build a highway from Ashkelon through the Hebron hills, rejecting the objections of the Hebron city council.

The city of Hebron and 28 individuals petitioned the High Court against the expropriations in 1994, arguing the plan was illegal and unreasonable. On the legal side, for instance, the petition argued that the local planning and building council should have been consulted; that the plan was not publicized as required by law; that the composition of the board that heard the city's objections to the plan was improper; and that the objections were rejected without debate. The petition also argued

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that the plan violated the Olso Accords, that the expropriations caused an unnecessary amount of harm, and that the road was intended to benefit the settlers rather than

the Arab population of the area. However, Justices Aharon Barak, Gavriel Bach and Ya'acov Kedmi rejected all these arguments, saying the petitioners' claims were in many cases factually incorrect. For instance, they said, the plan was publicized via ads in three newspapers - Al-Kuds, An-Nahar and Ma'ariv and a copy was also given to the Hebron Municipality. The fact that the city and 28 individuals

filed objections to the plan shows that it was no secret, they noted. Similarly, they said, the objections were rejected only after a lengthy debate; there were no irregularities in the composition of the council; and there was no obligation to consult the local planning and building board.

There was also nothing in the Olso Accords to forbid the civil administration from completing plans drawn up before the agreement was signed, the justices added - particularly since the road is meant to ease the traffic flow for all inhabitants of the region.

The court therefore rejected the petition and ordered the petitioners to pay NIS 25,000 in court

Injured Temple Mount rioters petition for compensation

FOUR Arabs injured when police fired on rioters on the Temple Mount in 1989 yesterday petitioned the High Court of Justice against the fact that they have still not received compen-

According to the petition, all

four demanded compensation from the government after the event, and the government agreed that it had an obligation to pay. However, it asked them to submit their claim to a special interministerial committee.

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instead of suing the government in court. The petitioners agreed, thinking this would be quicker than a court case. In fact, however, the petitioners did not appear before the

committee until December

1995, since the committee session was repeatedly postponed. At that time, the petition said, they were promised a decision within a month. However, no decision has as yet been forth-

coming. The petitioners complained to the State Attorney's Office, but were told only that the matter was being taken care of, and they should not feel they were being

The four therefore turned to

neglected.

the High Court, charging that the state has not been acting in good faith. Since they gave up their right to sue in court at the state's request, the petitioners argued, the state owes them a speedy resolution of the matter.

Settlers fear IDF preparing to redeploy in Hebron

HERB KEINON

EGGED buses from Jerusalem to Hebron stopped going through Halhoul and began using the new Halhoul bypass road yesterday. leading Hebron Jewish activists to believe that the government intends to redeploy in Hebron before the elections.

Hebron settlement spokesman David Wilder said it appears as if Prime Minister Shimon Peres is "trying to appease [Palestinian Authority President Yasser] Arafat over what is going on in Lebanon by giving him Hebron."

According to the Oslo 2 accords,

the IDF was have redeployed in Hebron on March 28. The withdrawal was postponed after last month's wave of suicide bombings, with Peres saying that it would only take place after the PLO amended its covenant and did more to combat

Wilder said that the Hebron settlement has not heard any official word from the government or the IDF about when a redeployment would take place. Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen), who is to head the Palestinian side in final status talks. was quoted in the Palestinian press as saying that in last week's meeting between Peres and Arafat, it was agreed that the redeployment would take place toward the end of May,

before the elections. Hebron settlement leader Noam Arnon said that except for the change in the bus route, there has not been any other physical change that would indicate an imminent withdrawal

The change in the bus route is significant, Arnon said, because not only does it add 15 minutes to the trip from Jerusalem to Hebron, but it also effectively takes scores of Israelis out of areas which, according to Oslo 2, are to be under Palestinian control. The road, however, is still open to Israelis in private cars.

A large rally against plans to rede-ploy in the city is scheduled for Hebron on Independence Day, with the participation of representatives from the National Religious Party, Likud-Tsomet-Gesher, and Moledet. **Bus bombing suspects**

to meet with lawyer TWO men suspected of helping to

commit the first hus No. 18 bombing in Jerusalem will finally be allowed to meet with their lawyer tomorrow, after almost a month in prison, the state told the High Court of Justice yesterday. It was responding to petitions by

Mohammed Razem and Akram el-Kawasmeh, who were arrested on March 27 and March 28, respec-Evelyn Gordon

The High Court yesterday post- knew of an agreement with acponed for the third time hearing a

Court delays hearing suspect's petition

petition by Security company owner David Spector against Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal, Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair, and other Spector argues the state ig-

nored or concealed that officials

cused wiretapper Honi Mizaki, by which he would receive \$100,000 from Hachsharat Hayishow in return for giving evidence against Spector and others regarding illegal wiretapping. Spector says such evidence is inadmis-

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The affected sections are along Road No 443 between the Ben Shemen Interchange and the settlements Givat Koah and Barket, and between the settlements Ben Shemen and Macabbim, where the existing road is being widened.

Unfortunately, a number of KKL sites including forests, groves, memorials and recreation areas have been consequently damaged, making it necessary to relocate all contributors plaques indicating these projects to alternate sites.

Plaque relocations will be coordinated beforehand with their contributors.

For further details and additional information please contact the Projects Division, Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael, POB 283 Jerusalem 91002 in writing, or by telephone 02-639650, or 02-662214 or 02-662972.

Samaritans doubt they'll get Pessah funds from PA

THE tiny, ancient Samaritan comrounity is preparing for its annual Pessah sacrifice on Mt. Gerizim next week, but has not yet received funds promised for the holiday by Palestinian Chairman Yasser Arafat

The community presently numbers 583, of whom 286 live in Nablus or on Mt. Gerizim, under Palestinian administration, and 297 live in Holon and are Israeli citizens. This year, for the first time ever, the sacrifice is to take place under joint Palestinian-Israeli authority.

"We are under the Palestinian administration, but as far as security is concerned we belong to Israel," said Peleg Al-Tiff, chairman of the Samaritan community in the Nablus

He stressed that the ceremony is

entirely religious in character and has no connection whatsoever with politics. The community, he said,

wants to play down the occasion. Both his community and that from Holon will gather on Mr. Gerizim, the mountain which the Samaritans regard as the holy place appointed by God, carry out their sacrifice, and remain for seven days.

The reason the Samaritan and Jewish Pessah festivals do oot comcide this year is that this is a leap year according to the Samaritan tradition. According to a source close to the Samaritans, yesterday's rainfall, after the Jewish Pessah, but before the Samaritan one, is proof. that their calendar is more accurate.

based community has stopped getting a subsidy from the Israeli civil administration and promised funds from the PA have failed to appear The promised funds include NIS 300,000 for the salaries of the Samaritan high priest and other religious functionaries and teachers. and the special Pessah subsidy of NIS 40,000, which had hitherto been paid by the civil administra-

Arafat promised both sums to the Samaritans in a meeting in December in Nablus. He told Nablus governor Mahmoud Alaloul to make the payments immediately.
"So far we haven't received one pruta [agora]. We're still waiting." Al-Tiff said yesterday.

Chernobyl 'liquidators' seek special status

FIFTY "liquidators" of the Chemobyl nuclear plant are on hunger strike outside the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem to put pressure on the government to grant them special status.

The sick and handicapped "liq-uidators" said they planned to contime the fast until late tonight.

For a year, we have been running around to obtain this special status and some of us will be dead before we get it," one of the group said.

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But Sofia Landver, of the Soviet Immigrants' Association, said that she and group leader Alexander Kalantersky had met yesterday with senior officials in the Prime Minister's Office.

They've set up an interministerial committee to deal with the problem, and an expert from Ukraine will arrive soon to advise the committee

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from Acre - 9:49; from Kiryat Motzkin - 10:03; from Kiryat Haim - 10:06;

Binyamina 9:58; from ADR - 10:15. Arrives at Hof Hacarmel at 10:25

After the Ceremony: From Hof Hacermel to Haifa, the Krayot, Acre, Hatzrot Yassaf, and Nahariya - 12:00. From Hof Hacermel to Atlit, Binyamina, Hadera, Netanya, and Tel Aviv - 12:35.

Jerusalem: There will be more buses on all city routes that go to Mt. Herzl.

return after the ceremony. Also direct service to Acra.

From Tel Aviv Central Bus Station, at 6:45.

Special line 127, from the new Central Bus Station, via Derech Petah Tikva, Reh. Hanegev, Derech Namir, Central Railway Station, to the cemetery, from 6:30; and return

Buses will be added to Lines 40 and 42 from Ramat Gan, Line 2 from north Tel Aviv, Line 8 (Redding Station), Line 18 from the Central Railway Station Arlosoroff depot via the Law

Buses will be added to Lines 43, 44, and 45. After the ceremony there will be express and regular buses to Tel Aviv, Transportation will be available to the public from the parking lots, and from the Exhibition Center (Freud Junction), to the Military Cemetery in Haita and

from Haifa Central - 10:23; from Bat Gallim - 10:30. Arrives at Hof Hacarmel at 10:35, From Rehovot - 8:40; from Be'er Yaakov - 8:44; from Lod - 8:50; from Tel Aviv-Hashalom

From the new Tel Aviv Central Bus Station at 8:30. There will be more buses on Line 187

From special departure platform to the local cemetery, at 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30; and

From the Central Bus Station to the Nahariya Military Cemetery at 9:00, and return after

From special departure platform to the local cemetery, at 9:00, 9:30, 10:00; and return

From the new Tel Aviv Central Bus Station, special departure platform, at 8:30.

To Jerusalem, increased number of buses on Lines 961, 983, 964.

From Tel Aviv, Une 5, near the Habimah Theater, at 9:30.

From Haifa Central Bus Station, Platform 1, at 8:15; and return after the coremony.

From the new Tel Aviv Central Bus Station, special departures platform, at 8:30.

9:10; from Tel Aviv Central - 9:15; from Natanya - 9:36; from Hadera - 9:48; from

Buses will be added to Line 49 to Kiryat Shaul. Buses will be added to Line 8 on its route to Seguia from the Petah Tikva Central Bus

on the victims' stams," she said. Landver said that they had pressed that the "liquidators" be granted the special status within a month.

The Ukrainian government has recognized the special status of those persons who, either as specialists or as simple workers, helped to liquidate the plant during the disaster which occurred 10 years ago. However, persons leaving the former Soviet Union lose this status and the ensuing benefits.



Queen Elizabeth II holds a bouquet of flowers and a birthday card yesterday as she greets wellwishers, celebrating her 70th birthday, after a church service on her Sandringham estate.

Yeltsin: I'll beat communist challenge

RUSSIAN President Boris Yeltsin said yesterday he was coovinced he would beat off a communist challeoge to win re-election and US President Bill Clintoo said Washingtoo would shape its policy to meet any outcome

The two men ended five hours of summit talks with warm words and hugs, saying they had made progress towards solving differences over implementing two arms control treaties and touched oo the Middle East where both have sent peace envoys.

But the elections the two men face -Yeltsin in June and Clinton in November - figured prominently at a joint news conference after a meeting in Yeltsin's private study in the Kremlin and a work-

ing lunch.
"I'm not going to think about this because I am sure victory will be mine." Yeltsin growled, brushing off a question over whether communist rival Gennady Zyuganov could oust him in a June 16 election which could decide the future of reforms.

Clinton, answering a question, said the relationship between the United States and Russia "will bedefined by these elections" but avoided open eodorsement of

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he went to meet members of the Russian opposition, including Zynganov, he said: "The Russian people will make that decisioo (the election). We will proceed accordingly.

Yeltsin, who had two mild heart attacks last year and muffed his lines and fumbled papers at the nuclear summit on Saturday, looked wooden at yesterday's oews conference and it lacked the sparkle of many of his previous encounters with Clinton.

Clintoo said he and Yeltsin had produced new hope of ending loog-running disputes over the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) Treaty and the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty.

But the two leaders indicated they were still divided over NATO's plans to enlarge to include countries of eastern and central Europe - an issue which has been at the heart of uneasiness in relations in the last few

"NATO expansion will not be speeded the at our request, for some time. President Chaton promised to use his influence on his allies on this," Yeltsin said.

tion with NATO, he said: "I think a two-way agreement might be worked out. In our view, it might include a provisioo that oo country may be accepted without Russia's agreement."

But Clintoo said there had been oo change in the stance of the West - which has repeatedly said Moscow cannot veto the countries of eastern and ceotral Europe oming NATO.

Yeltsin stonewalled oo the Chechnya conflict, an issue which many say could cost him re-election. Fighting has not ended but he said a March 31 peace plan was oo track

The Chechen republic should be and will be part of Russia," he said. There have been no military operations in Chechnya since March 31. It is another thing that some gangs are still running around there."

Clinton, who has been criticized by some human rights groups for giving Yeltsin a soft ride on Chechnya, said he viewed the regioo as part of Russia, but hoped for a peaceful settlement.

- The US has taken the position that Chechnya is a part of Russia, but in the end a free country has to have free association, so there has to be something beyond fighting, Clinton said.

Many Serbs

move goods

out of last

rebel enclave

BELGRADE (Reuter) - More than

a third of Serbs in the last separatist

enclave of Croatia have moved

goods out to nearby Serbia ahead of

the area's transfer back to Croatian

government rule, the local Serb

Goran Hadzic, newly elected

interim "president" of Eastern

Slavonia, also substantiated

Croatian accusations that much of

the property removed was looted

from homes of Croats driven out of

He said his main task would be to

fight crime which has taken oo dis-

turbing proportions" and stop an exodus of Serbs, many of whom

fear reprisal from Croat refugees

due to return to their homes under a

Hadzic spoke in a newspaper

interview published yesterday after

he took over Eastern Slavonia's

Serb administration in an apparent

purge of Serb nationalist hardliners

opposed to the gradual reintegration

The area will revert to full

Croatian control by 1997 under an

accord reached by presideots Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia, the

Slavonian Serbs' patron, and Franjo Tudjman of Croatia in Dayton,

Ohio last November.

of Eastern Slavonia into Croatia.

eader said yesterday.

the region in a 1991 war.

UN transitional authority.

Separatists claim India blast, death toll 17

NEW DELHI (Reuter) - Two separatist groups said yesterday they had set off a powerful bomb that killed at least 17 people in the Indian capital to punish rivals and stop elections next month in troubled Kashmir.

The blast on Saturday evening toppled a lodging house in the crowded heart of New Delhi, killing eight foreigners and injuring 32 peo-

They said three Nigerian men, two French nationals and a Briton were among the eight foreigners who died in the 25-room boarding house in Paharganj, an area of cheap hotels and narrow lanes near Connaught Place, the capital's central square.

A joint statement from the Islami Harkat-ul-Momineen and the Khalistan Liberation Force distributed to newspapers in Srinagar, summer capital of the northern state of Jammu and Kashmir, said the bomb had been triggered by remote control.

"Some anti-movement activists including some foreigners of friendly neighboring countries of India were holding a meeting when the bomb was exploded killing all of them," it said.

Police said they were questioning an Iranian who was among the

The blast, one of the deadliest in the city's history, occurred a week before the start of India's general election. Voting begins oo Saturday and ends on May 30 in Kashmir. The separatist statement said the

bombing was part of an attempt to stop the elections taking place in Jammu and Kashmir, predominantly Hindu India's only Moslemajority state, where more than 20,000 people have been killed in a six-year separatist insurgency

We have vowed to fight till last to stop India's plan to stage election drama," the statement said.

The parliamentary elections in Jammu and Kashmir, set for May 7, 23 and 30, would be the first since 1989. The Himalayan state has been under direct federal rule since the separatist revolt erupted in

1990. The state's biggest pro-India regional party, the National Conference, has refused to participate in next month's polls, and militants have vowed to step up attacks against security forces before the polls. Indian authorities have said guerrillas might strike civilian tar-

Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao, whose ruling Congress party is expected to lose its majority in the general elections, has sought to restore normalcy in the state by deploying thousands of security forces and striving to hold polls.

Setting out a vision of coopera-In a later remark to reporters as Jaded Italians vote early, then flee to the beach

ROME (Reuter) - Italians turned out early to vote in a general election on yesterday, putting the chaos of their country's politics behind them to

soak up the sun on the beach. With Italy basking in glorious spring weather, voters took advantage of a seven a.m. start to polling to rush to the ballot box and then take to the seaside and hills.

The Interior Ministry said 16.7 percent of the 48.9 million eligible Italians had voted by 11 a.m., twice the turnout at the same stage of the previous election in 1994, which was held over two days.

Voting was due to end at 10 p.m., when television stations planned to forecast the distribution of seats in the two houses of parliament based oo opinion polls of voter intentions carried out over the past week.

Definitive results were not expected before tonight but political commentators have pointed throughout a long and lackluster campaign to the prospect of a substantial draw between the two main blocs.

That could leave the federalist Northern League and Marxist party Communist Refoundation holding the balance of power between media mogul Silvio Berlusconi's centerright Freedom Alliance and Romano Prodi's center-left Olive Italy, now seeking its 55th post-

war government, enjoyed a measure of stability through the Cold War years until 1992. Though notoriously short-lived, the country's rickety coalition governments were until then largely composed of the same parties and people.

'US-N. Korean talks useful'

BERLIN (Reuter) - A first round of talks between the United States and North Korea to discuss Pyongyang's ballistic missile program has been

"useful," the US chief negotiator said. "The talks have been useful and we have gotteo off to a good start," Robert Einhorn, the head of the US delegation, told Reuters, adding that the discussions were scheduled to conclude last night.

He gave no other details about the talks, at which Washington aired its coocerns about the development and export of Pyongyang's long-

The two parties broke for lunch after several hours of talks yesterday morning at the North Korean interest section of the Chinese mission in Berlin. The delegations began the talks with two sessions at the US mis-



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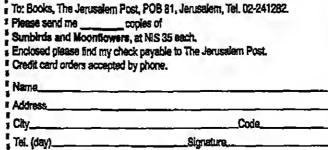
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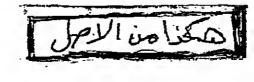
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The Jerusalem Post Monday, April 22, 1996 IM has come on a whim. At the end of the month one of the names in European dance, Wim Vandekeybus, wili premiere his Exhaustion from Dreams Love with the Batsheva Dance Company. It is the first time the Belgian dancer/choreographer has agreed to work outside of his own troupe, and marks a major coup for Batsheva Batsheva have been asking me for about five years to come and work with them, but I really had no time, explained Vandekeybus last week in the cafeteria of the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center, just before a rebearsal with Batsheva. "Now I suddenly felt that the time has come and that my work can actually be done by others as The 32-year-old choreographer came to this realization when he recently remounted his very first opus. What the Body Does not Remember, with an entirely new

cast aside from himself... By coincidence, local dance lovers also will be able to catch Missing

Belgian waffle ends; dancer here Vandekeybus' latest opus. Bereft of a Blissful Union, as his own company, Ultima Vez, makes its Israeli debut in the Israel Festival next month.

How does Vandekeybus feel about working with an existing dance company which is not his own and is not used to his style?

"By now I really feel it's possible. And spending four weeks with these dancers you actually make them your own company for that time period,"

Vandekeybus saw the Batsheva dancers for the first time only earlier this year. And his immediate realization was that "what they do is very different. They start from the movement, while I start from intentions. They are very good movers, but for me they have to make a click and think differently because my work starts with a story."

The Batsheva work is actually not an entirely new opus but a reworking of Vandekeybus' car-lier opus Her Body Doesn't Fit the Soul, which he describes as a story about senses, and which originally was danced with two blind people.

"And in order to make the other dancers limited too on stage. I attached one girl with a screw to the floor and it is eventally the hlind man who frees

Some of the things in the new work will be identical to the older version, but this time there will be no film incorporated in it.

This work is based on an Italo Calvino story about a man and a woman who sbare the same room and even sleep on the same bed, but they are never together because he works the night shifts and she works at daytime. It's a very tender, poenic story with lots of aggression underneath.

"However, I don't work in a linear way. I work very intuitively. And so there are several other

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

stories interspersed within this one, and all have to do with the far from clear border between reality and imagination.

"It's like a story where two people have one heart and they transmit it from one to the other, but the transplant must always be immediate and accurate or it could be fatal."

Vandekeybus' wild and free imagination is also apparent when he talks.

He starts off with one subject and hy the time he finishes a sentence, several minutes later, he has covered three or four additional topics as well. But he always returns hack to

the essence of his very personal work which he tries to explain to the Batsheva dancers. "Yes, of course they can move

but now they have to start acting too. When we are talking ahnut a

duo, the two people must communicate with each other, otherwise nothing will happen."

Vandekeybus gives very spe-cial titles to all of his works like The Weight of Hand or, Mountains Made of Barking, for example.

"I wake up with these titles in the morning. The title is always very important for me. I'm inspired and influenced by literature. I always read 20 books at a time but in a way eventually all of my work is very autobiographical."

Vandekeyhus, who also appears in many of his works. did not start dancing until adult-

He grew up in a farm, one of six children of a veterinarian. Later on he studied psychology and it is only when he was in his early 20s that he made the shift to the arts.

"I'm much more open-minded than those who started earlier. have never achieved my mages.

These days he also works as a photographer and makes films too, his debut as a feature fiction film scheduled for next year.

He remains very impulsive. making decisions on the spur of the moment. "I start like this on the very first day of rehearsals. I'm very impatient from the beginning and the dancers like that, they like to have a limit to fight with."

In Bereft, Vandekeybus, bowever, does not dance. "It was too complicated a project."

With 12 dancers, including one Israeli, former Batsheva Ensemble member Roni Haver. 12 live musicians and a film, he decided to take the controls instead.

His very first opus, What the Body Does Nor Remember, was about instincts and reflexes. "It was like brutal movement with-

My apprenticeship is over,

says opera's new manager

out thought and eventually I did it almost hlindfolded.

"So I thought one day why not

make a show about the senses. "And I advertised for blind people who were interested in performing. Eventually I got a phone call from Said Gharhi," and immediately the connection

"He is a Moroccan with an incredible temperament, he is a great actor and has incredible violence too.

And now Said is one of the dozen dancers in Bereft, "hus believe me if you did not know that he is blind you would not be able to guess."

Vandekeybus says that he does not aim at "entertaining his audience. They have to work hard to get a lot of messages out of my

The Baisheva Dance Company presents Vandekeyhus' Exhaustion from Dreamt Love from April 30 at the TAPAC. Vandekeyhus' own Ultima Vez appears at the Israel Festival in Jerusalem at the beginning of

mark

ADINA HOFFMAN

BROKEN ARROW

Directed by John Woo. Screenplay by Graham Yost. Hebrew title: Code Shavar. 108 minutes. English dialogue, Hebrew minifies. Chikhen under 17 not admitted without an adult.

N the opening frames of Broken Arrow, two men square off in a boxing ring. They both wear siren-red gloves and take turns slamming each other in the face to the sounds of dubbed grunting. The bigger, darker guy (John Travolta) is trying to teach the younger, scrawnier one (Christian Slater) a few things about combat - basic stuff, like how to anticipate your opponent's next move and outwit

Welcome to climacter development, John Woo style. The Hong Kong action director's latest offering, a slick little package designed to excite 14-year-old boys around the world, unfolds as an extension of this initial pugilistic show-down. Vic Deakins (Travolta) and Riley Hale (Slater) are competitive friends and stealth bomber pilots, assigned to fly a test mission over the Utah desert.

Deakins, however, has other plans. With a quick one-two, he dumps Hale in a canyon, highjacks the nuclear weapons. on board, and ejects himself. He and a band of fellow air force renegades intend to demand a huge sum from the US government by holding a major metropolitan area. for ransom with the threat of a .: mushroom cloud.

But they won't succeed if Hale can help it. After surviving the crash unharmed, he joins forces with a cute park ranger (Samantha Mathis), and sets out to stop the evil Deakins and his men from radiating the entire Southwest.

It goes without saying that Broken Arrow is extremely violent. Along with the perfunctory action-movie gun battles and hurled hand grenades, it features harrowing shots of Woo's trademark "creative" brutality: a man being run over by a jeep; another getting hacked to death by a helicopter propeller, and yet another who is killed when a hammer is heaved at his brow.

And yes, like all Woo productions, the film boasts lots of nifty camera angles, is edited for optimal speed, and contains many sly wisecracks.

Aside from some over-the-top sexual innuendo and the Buster Keatonesque ability of the three main characters to emerge from any catastrophe unscathed, however, Broken Arrow isn't very funny. You don't have to be Bob



Broken Arrow' is another film in which John Travolta flirts with radical self-parody as yet

Dole to find Woo's callous hlend of gore and comedy more than a touch unsettling.

The Travolta character, in particular, seems an especially nefarious sort of heroic bad guy.

He gets all of the best lines in the film, and no matter what hit of action he's performing - taking a deep drag off a cigarette, baring his teeth in a wolfish grin, or firing his sidearm - whenever Vic's in the spotlight, the soundtrack shifts into his special theme, a four-chord pluck of the bass guitar which sounds like it was lifted straight from the score of a Tarantino movie. It's clearly meant to be the musical expression of Vic's total cool. So what if he's a vicious psychopath with a stolen cache of nuclear weapons programmed to blow up Denver? The whole film suffers from an overdose of this same dubious

glance at the ultra-chic credits. Woo enjoys a major underground following that seems rather out of whack with his abilities as an efficient stunt technician. Broken Arrow may hold us as it zooms along, but so do the seat belts oo a 747, and their manufacturers are

hardly the talk of the town. Travolta and Slater were fine as leading men in Tarantino movies (Pulp Fiction and True Romance, respectively), though that sort of attitude-as-acting can be disastrous if repeated too often.

Both men have their charms in Broken Arrow; both also flirt with radical self-parody - especially Travolta, who recently played yet another smooth dude in Get

And lastly, the picture was writ-ten by Graham Yost, of hip Speed fame. Once again, Yost proves himself capable of composing lines that are brief and mindless

enough to be gasped by characters as they tumble through space, jump from huming vehicles, or cling to the hack of moving trucks. Now that's talent.

Nitzan, currently artistic direc-

ANNAH Munitz, general manager or the Israeli Opera (NIO), runs a practiced eye over color prints from its recent production of

"One of these," she says, pointing at shots which display the chorus, the costumes, the set and the lighting to dramatic advantage, and as swiftly chooses another five or six pictures. They will be sent to a European opera house which is thinking of

importing the production.
Holland's Maastricht Opera has already signed contracts to produce three NIO operas within the next two years, Madame Butterfly, Cavalleria Rusticana, Pagliacci and Jenufa. Munitz is also expanding into

coproductions with bigger houses. This season will see Lady Macbeth from Misensk by Sbostakovich, and conducted by Valery Gergiev, in collaboration with the Kirov Opera.

The NIO and the Vienna Folk Opera will do Johann Stauss's jolly Die Fledermaus in 1999, and that same milleunial season will see cooperation with the Vienna State Opera on Halevi's The Jew.

"Coproductions make sense because costs are shared, so you can use your budget differently, like hiring better singers," she

Her years of apprenticeship over, Munitz has come into her own. She pays tribute to Uri Ofer, whom she replaced last October: "One of the things he did, and for which I hless him, was to introduce a new standard of professionalism into production. I took and learned from Uri all that I could, but I'm very independent

too. I go my own way." This includes closer ties with international houses and an active commitment to developing the Israeli component in a company which, say local artists, has relied mainly on foreign talent for far too long.

"I WANT to create a good international house, but with its roots in our own culture and using our own artists because they hring with them what they grew up with," says Munitz. "The first call I made as general manager was to Omri Nitzan," she adds.

tor of the Cameri Theater, will direct a new production of The Elixir of Love by Donizeni; the designer is Ruth Dar. This is the first opera for both.

Elixir is the first of four new productions, three of them Israeli premieres, the NIO will mount in its 1996/97 season, which offers subscribers and fans nine productions. The first premiere and season opener is Der Freischutz (The Sharpshooter) by German com-poser Carl Maria von Weber, the story of pure love and satanic wickedness. The other premieres are Verdi's Rigoletto, with Georgian hass Paata Burchuladze returning for a third season as the villainous Sparafucile, and Lady Macbeth.

The revivals are audience favorites, starting with The Tales of Hoffman with a largely Israeli cast including Hadar Halevi as Nicklausse, Hoffman's buddy. Baritone Richard Cowan, who captured everybody's heart as the faithless Don Giovanni in the very first Israel Vocal Arts Institute workshop, will make his debut NIO appearance as all four of the villains,

The other revivals are the traditional double-bill of Cavalleria Rusticana and Pagliacci, the production that's going to Maastricht, and The Barber of Seville. There are also two equally popular guest operas from the Deutsche Oper, Berlin: Mozart's The Magic Flute and A Masked Ball by Verdi. The conductor for these will be Rafael Fruhbeck de Burgos, a frequent visitor to the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's

The NIO and the IPO are going to collaborate too. They will mount a joint production of Saint Saens's Samson and Delilah in honor of Israel's 50th hirthday in 1998. The director will be the Berlin Opera's Gotz Friedrich, who has done A Masked Ball.

MUNITZ STARTED at the NIO with Ofer 10 years ago, but she has been in theater all her professional life. Born in Stuttgart, both her parents were Holocaust survivors who immigrated in 1949.

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Munitz grew up in Herzliya. At Tel Aviv University, she studied theater and philosophy for her bachelor's degree and was three years into law school before she

"I think I've done every backstage joh there is from assistant stage manager to producer," she says. She was working at the Cameri when Ofer offered her the joh of NIO spokesperson, "and in those early days, I wrote the programs, too.

I don't wave the feminist flag. I don't think that I've achieved or not achieved anything because

I'm a woman." Turmoil accompanied Munitz's appointment last September. Ofer had resigned just before be was accused of fiscal and administrative wrongdoing; the allegations have never been proven. Munitz was his deputy and therefore tarred with the same brush, her

opponents claimed. The Tel Aviv Municipality. which provides 25% of the opera's budget, didn't support her candidacy. Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo made no secret of the fact that bis preferred candidate was Israeli conductor Daniel Oren.

Now Oren is committed to three productions from 1998 on, and despite Munitz's initial fears of active opposition from City Hall, "I've had its full support from the moment the board made its deci-

The NIO's 1996 hudget is NIS 44.5 million of which NIS 11m. comes from the municipality, NIS 15m. from the Arts and Culture Authority, and the rest is earned income.

Munitz's appointment was provisional for a year. When Ofer resigned, she had said, "If they ask me, I'll consider it."

Now, her message is different: "I want to continue."



cool, evident from just a quick Conductor sent packing after remarks

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

HE British conductor Gilbert Varga was in an airplane seat rather than on the podium on A Saturday night, as a row over politics put a premature end to his scheduled series of concerts

with the Haifa Symphony Orchestra. It all began during the HSO concert on Thursday night. Varga, who had declined to take a bow after the first piece - leaving solo pianist Daniel Gortler to acknowledge the audience alone - made critical remarks about Israeli government policy to Gortler during the intermission.

According to Gortler, Varga compared Israel to a terroristic police state. At the end of the concert, Varga again failed to take the customary bow, leaving the audience and orchestra somewhat perplexed.

Once orchestra members heard about Varga's comments a quick decision was made not to perform with him on Saturday unless the conductor officially apol-

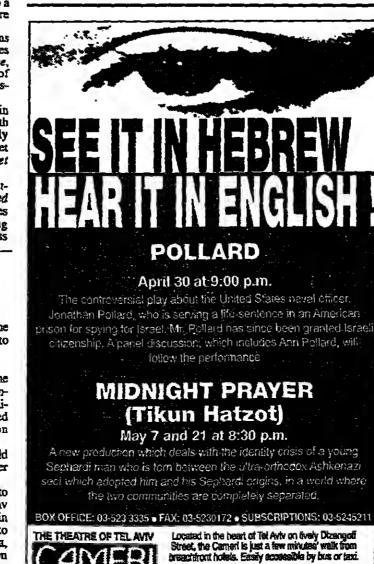
HSO music director Stanley Sperber says that "at

one point Varga thought about apologizing to the orchestra, but then the story was somehow leaked to the press and then all hell broke loose."

The HSO issued an official statement: "After the conductor's remarks against the policy of the government of Israel and his unprofessional and his unethical behavior at the end of the concert, it was decided not to let him conduct the orchestra's concert on

"The HSO has always believed that politics should not be mingled with its artistic work and it will never let any artist use the orchestra for such purposes."

The task of breaking the news to Varga was left to Sperber, as orchestra general director Ben-Ami Einav was in the US. Eitan Globerson, HSO conductor in residence - who had conducted the rehearsals prior to Varga's arrival - took the podium instead in Netanya, while Sperber explained to the audience the reason for the switch of conductors. Varga himself left the country Saturday afternoon.



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A contradiction in terms

HERE was something irresistibly simple about Prime Minister Shimon Peres's solution to the Israeli-Palestinian problem. Postulating that there are two reasons for Palestinian bitterness and hostility - the Israeli occu-pation and a low standard of living - he came up with seemingly obvious solutions.

To eliminate the first cause of unrest Israel withdrew from the Arab towns and villages in the territories, and let the Palestinians establish a self-ruling political entity which will inevitably become a sovereign state.

But raising the living standards of a population of almost two million is obviously a far more complicated problem. Peres knew that only a massive international effort, led by the US, can transform a relatively backward system to a thriving, modern economy.

Such a massive effort is not beyond the ability of the US and the other economic giants. The US alone implemented the monumental Marshall Plan which rehabilitated Europe after World War II. Loans, investments and grants from the world's rich democracies should put the Palestinian Authority on its economic feet, Peres believes. And be has managed to persuade the industrial nations not only that such a goal is desirable, but that it is eminently attainable. As a result of his efforts, a group of donor nations has pledged more than \$1 billion to the PA.

To Peres's credit it must be said that the notion of a Middle East Marshall Plan is not a product of the Oslo agreements. He proposed it at least a dozen years ago. It is based on the assumption that prosperity is a potent antidote to murderous animosity. Terrorists are bred in miserable refugee camps, Peres seems to believe, not in seaside villas.

That Iran, one of the region's ricbest countries, bas become the fountainhead of today's terrorism seems to militate against this supposition. But even if the premise is valid, there are fatal flaws in the plan. The most obvious of these is that unlike the European participants in the Marsball Plan - democracies with a highly developed economic culture - the PA is a bopelessly corrupt, villainous police state like most of the regimes in the region.

This is why it should not be surprising that the conference of donor nations held in Brussels on April 11-13 had second thoughts about their commitments to the PA. The emergency fund-

THE POLITICS

OF HUNGER

Sir. - It is easy to recognize mis-

takes after you have made them. It is

much harder to recognize mistakes

Must Palestinians just want to be

is to feed their children and have a

self-respect. They have a chance to

do this with the peace process. Ha-

mas, on the other hand, has different

aims. To achieve them, it must win

the hearts of the Palestinians. This is

difficult when they have full stom-

acns. The bombs they sent to Tel

Aviv and Jerusalem were not aimed

a: just killing a few Jews. They were

aimed at emptying the stomachs of the Palestinians. This aim has been

successful. We have closed Gaza, so

that the pressure cooker can heat up.

their heads off at how easy it was.

men trying to suppress demonstra-

tions of Hamas. This is very similar

to the beginnings of the Iranian rev-

alution. Soon the demonstrations

wiil get bigger. They will turn into

riots. The hungry policemen will lum around and join the rioters. Ara-

fat will fall as easily as the shah of

Iran fell. Of course the clowns in

Likud and Labor will be busy elec-

uoneering and debating whether it is

When Gaza turns into Teberan,

all our fantastic weapons of war will

be useless. You cannot fight women

and children with an F-15. Israel

will look like Bosnia and Beirut

combined. There will be a war far

worse than anything in our history.

it will happen so quickly that there

will be no time to stop and go back.

The peace process with Arab neigh-

bors will be irrelevant. The world

will be as impotent as it is in Bosnia.

If we are to do something, we

must do it now. The closure of Gaza

must be lifted. We must make every

effort to fill the stomachs of the

Palestinians. A border crossing ca-

pable of moving people between

Gaza and Israel quickly and securely

must be built. This would allow pro-

duce and labor to cross, but not

bombs. Some bombs will inevitably

far worse.

worthwhile to give up the Golan.

Now you see Palestinian police-

. isonable opportunity to attain

"ile you are making them.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

public works projects and a project proposed by the UN to support small workshops. To add insult to injury from the PA's viewpoint, the amount will be taken from money already pledged previously to the PA - which means that the conference produced no additional financial assistance.

Peace Watch, the non-partisan organization monitoring the implementation of the Oslo agreement, reports that both Israeli and Palestinian sources sense a steep decline in the donors' willingness to provide assistance to the PA. The donors are disappointed by the way the Oslo agreement is being implemented. They cite in particular the uncertainty about amending the PLO Covenant, the grave doubts about the way the elections to the Palestinian Council were conducted, and the delay in Israel's withdrawal from Hebron.

But much of their concern has to do with purely economic issues. The donor nations' demand for financial "transparency," specifically their request that all PA financial activity be conducted through the PA Finance Ministry (which is subject to International Monetary Fund auditing), has not been met. The donors have discovered that the PA's Office of the President was conducting unaudited financial activities: using monies paid by foreign corpo-rations doing business with the PA (mainly Israeli firms), while bypassing the Finance Ministry. Funding from various sources would also find its way directly to the Palestinian Preventive Security Forces, without ever going through the supervised Finance Ministry.

Perturbed by such irregularities, the donors refused to subsidize the income of PA employees. As a result, the PA was forced to declare a five percent salary cut for all employees.

Another factor which contributes to the donors' pessimism is that Israel does not seem to want to lift the closure in the near future. The loss to the Palestinian economy because of this closure is conservatively estimated at \$1 million a day. But Israel is understandably unwilling to trade its security for Palestinian relief.

The vision of a prosperous Middle East is

unexceptionable even if it fails to counter the appeal and fervor of Islamic militancy. No one in his right mind can object to a better life. But the Oslo negotiators were so eager to produce a lightning agreement they failed to understand ing approved at the conference amounted to a piddling \$27 million, earmarked for the PA's that prosperity with Arafat as partner is a contradiction in terms.



Harvesting the grapes

S Operation Grapes of A Wrath proceeds, certain questions need to be faced

Should we begin diplomatic negotiations now? With whom? What should the objective of such

Clearly, if we begin negotiations

it, the IDF can certainly restore tranquility to Galilee. One only hopes that the leadership will have the wisdom, stamina, and determination to let the IDF finish the job

There should be no negotiations rorist organization, sworn to Israel's destruction, are less than

Although Lebanon is no more than Syria's - or, more correctly. Assad's - puppet, the Syrian dictator continues with the characle that the government in Beirut is sovereign, and that be, while sympathizing with Hizbullah, can do nothing

MOSHE ARENS

without Assad's approval, but Operation Grapes of Wrath, if successfully concluded, may create the incentive in Damascus necessary to encourage the Lebanese to take the task of restraining

A written agreement with the government in Beirut to this effect would likely bring about the stability and tranquility we seek on our northern border, setting the stage

for an eventual withdrawal of the .IDF.from.southern-Lebanon That should be our aim when negotiations begin, and nothing short of it should be acceptable. But it is possible that the domes-

tic penalties of such an agreement, as perceived in Damascus and Beirut, are such as to preclude its attainment.

two options: deterring the launch of Katyosha rockets by guaranteeing a massive response; or making sure that Katyusha launchers are not positioned within range of our northern border.

the Galilee were, are, and will continue to be part of the lives of Israelis who live in the North until a comprehensive peace with all our neighbors is achieved. But the facts contradict this defeatist complacency.

And when, after Musawi's death, the Katyushas reappeared for a few days, a quick and effec-tive IDF response in the air and on the ground, accompanied by a message to Damascus that this was only the beginning unless the rocket attacks ceased, was suffi-

Hopefully the current operation will lead the Lebanese government, under Syrian tutelage, to the conclusion that Hizbullah must be curbed.

entail prohibitive consequences. Katyushas out of range.

The writer is a former defense

negotiations be?

after the IDF has succeeded in ending Hizbullah's rocket fire on Galilee, we will be in a far stronger position than if we negotiate while Katyushas are still falling on northern Israel. Background music of that kind won't strengthen our band in the negotiations, and ongoing negotiations can only make it more difficult for the IDF to complete its job.

If our political leadership allows

before it enters into negotiations.

with Hizbullah, Written or unwritteri "understandings" with this terworthless. If anybody had any doubts on this score, the serious mistakes inherent in the "under-standings" reached after Operation Accountability - by now probably clear even to those in our government who saw them as an achievement at the time -

what not to do this time. Although Syria might initially seem the obvious partner for negotiating an agreement that would assure peace for Galilee, it is most unlikely that such an agreement can be reached at the present time.

should serve as an object lesson in

to prevent it from attacking Israel.

There remains the Lebanese government. It will do nothing

Hizbullah upon themselves.

The government's response to attacks by Hizbullah in the last three years has been ambiguous. It must now be clear

THAT WOULD leave Israel with

It is being said that Karyushas in

For almost 10 years, from Operation Peace for Galilee in June 1982 until the killing of Hizbullah leader Abbas Musawi Katyusha was fired from Lebanon against Israel. Until the second redeployment

of the IDF into the present security zone in 1985 the launchers were out of range; and over the following seven years, even though the security zone was narrower than the range of the Katyushas, the memory of Operation Peace for Galilee was evidently sufficient to deter all parties involved -Hizbullah, the Shi'ite villagers in southern Lebanon, the government in Beirut, and Assad in Damascus - from returning to the tactics that brought such disas-

trons results to Lebanon in 1982. cient to restore quiet.

Unfortunately, the Labor govemment's ambiguous response to Hizbullah's attacks over the past three years - the "understandings" with Hizbullah of 1993, the restraint shown after numerous Hizbullah attacks against the IDF and against Galilee towns and villages, the prime minister's apology to Hizbullah for so-called mis-takes of the IDF last month - have managed to erode our deterrent capability and led to deterioration of the situation.

Even lacking a formal agreement, the operation, if successfully completed, will serve as an effective reminder to all concerned that allowing Hizbullah to attack Israel in the future will If that doesn't work, there will be no alternative to pushing the

Fruit that is pure poison

THERE used to be peace over Israel's northern frontier . Before the establishment of the Curiels," and it brought back the state, I once got lost on my way to a northern border settlement. Some elderly Arabs 1 met greeted me warmly, and a friendly Lebanese officer took me back to the border. Nothing unusual here: Farmers from both sides would frequently wave to each other. Sometimes they would meet and exchange blessings. In the first years of the state this was the norm along the

> Israel's other fronts. When the Lebanon war broke out in 1982, the Shi'ite population was still extremely friendly toward Israelis. In the first week of the war I managed to cross the border, with two other journalists. We passed a dozen Shi'ite villages. Everywhere we were invit-

border with Lebanon, even as

there was continual violence on

ed for coffee. I had heard that the Shi'ite population was welcoming the IDF with showers of rice, but I wouldn't have believed three unprotected Israeli civilians would be so warmly received. These were the very same villages whose names we now hear in daily media reports of bloody violence.

How could devoted friends of Israel turn into people who hate Israel profoundly? The answer can be summed up in two words: security zone.

When Ariel Sharon and Rafael Eitan began the disastrous 1982 invasion of Lebanna, the Shi'ites, hoping for liberation from the Palestinian yoke, were correctly assumed to be friends of Israel. In the space of several months, this archangel duo. Ariel and Rafael. worked a fullfledged miracle, **URI AVNERY**

transforming hundreds of thousands of Shi'ites from docile farmers to daring guerillas sworn to fight Israel.

The Shi'ites, like then-prime minister Menachem Begin, initially believed Sharon's promise that the IDF would go home after expelling the PLO. But when the Israelis turned into conquerors with no plans to leave, the Shi'ites rose up and in a guerilla war succeeded in repelling the IDF from much of the conquered territory. Thus they became the dominant force in South Lebanon. Had the IDF withdrawn to the

It turned friends of Israel into

profound enemies

international border, quiet would likely have returned. Instead, tsrael remained in Lebanon, a recipe for disaster. Hizbullah. which had been a negligible religious-extremist group, became to its people a liberation army. Its popularity swelled enormously.

ISRAEL tried everything: shellings, raids, the murder of Hizbullah leaders and their families, the abduction of commanders, and, ultimately, the expulsion of bundreds of thousands of Shi'ites from their villages in "Operation Accountability." Nothing helped.

Israel found itself riding a tiger called the security zone, and it was scared to dismount, lest it be

devoured. Meanwhile, the Lebanon war, planned as a 48-hour operation, dragged on for 14 years. Now a new episode in the Lebanon saga has begun. A group

of politicians and generals, all with spectacular records of failure in Lebanon, are trying the old methods anew. Foreign Minister Barak asserts

that he is out to "teach Hizbullah a lesson." Rafael Eitan proposes that Israel conquer the region again, a disastrous idea that would expose thousands of IDF ground troops to a new generation of suicide attackers. And Sbirnon Peres returns to Rabin's Operation Accountability.

We have heard many excuses

for the escalation of violence in Lebanon: Elections are around the corner. There is (justified) fury in the border settlements. The Israeli public demands action. Yet we know that failure is vir-

tually guaranteed. After all, expelling the Shi'ite population from South Lebanon does not alienate it from Hizbullah. Quite the contrary: As Shi'ite refugees take shelter in Hizbullah's social institutions, their rage and dismay only bring the organization more support and volunteers.

For a real solution to the crisis in Lebanon, Israel must move forward in negotiations with Syria and Lebanon, and it must extricate itself from the security zone. This would deprive Hizbullah of its "war of liberation" excuse, and the population would no longer have reason to support the organization in continued attacks on Israel, returning Hizbullah to the extremist fringe.

mistake

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

HURSDAY'S tragedy in Kana in Southern Lebanon in which more than 100 Lebanese civilians were killed and scores more wounded is highly disturbing." First and foremost is one's

shock and dismay over the shattered bodies, many children and old peoplė. The senseless carnage would have been unbearable under any

circumstances. But the knowledge that our forces were responsible, albeit unintentionally, makes the tragedy all the harder to stomacb. No one in Israel was naive

enough to believe that we could fire thousands of artillery shells at Hizbullah fighters and not occasionally hit some innocent civilian. But the assumption was that if the IDF can identify the spot to which a Hizbullah fighter bas fled after firing his Karyusba, well, it can certainly spot a group of 250 civilians taking refuge in a UNIFIL

The conclusion? Either someone spotted them but was willing to risk their lives in the attainment of some short-term tactical gain, or - as seems more likely - the IDF was so immersed in its "surgical operation" that it ignored everything apart from its

targets.

The army did warn the local population to vacate areas likely to turn into battlegrounds. But that doesn't mean it wasn't obliged to do everything it could to avoid hitting anyone who ignored the warnings.

Israel has always known that Hizbullah is ready to endanger the lives of innocent Lebanese civilians by taking refuge behind or among them. And so its reaction to the Kana tragedy, effectively that "What bappened there is exactly what Hizbullah wanted," is bardly a worthy

Since we knew what Hizbullah is capable of, we should have been all the more careful not to fall into the trap it set for us.

Israel, unlike Hizbullah, has always tried to avoid harming civilians. But the media pictures

Last week's tragedy · in Kana was much more than a mishap

from Kana make that fact largely irrelevant as far as world public opinion is concerned.

The Lebanese government is apparently not only incapable of defending Lebanon's interests; it seems totally apathetic as regards the fate of its own citizens.

A normal, effective government would have done one of two things in the situation Hizbullah has created: It would either have tried to neutralize Hizbullah's forces in southern Lebanon by disarming them or curtailing their free movement, or it would actively have encouraged the civilian population to vacate the danger zone temporarily, as did Israel in the case of residents of Upper and Western

BUT THE Lebanese government is Assad's vassal (for which state of affairs Israel's attempt to bave a pro-Israeli government imposed on Lebanon back in 1982 is at least partly responsible), and thus it is impotent.

Consequently no one feels that it was in any way responsible for the lives of the 100 Lebanese citizens slaughtered at Kana, and since no one expects anything from Hizbullah, it is Israel that emerges as the main culprit. The result is certain to be a less-

ening of international sympathy for the realization of Israel's main objective in Operation Grapes of Wrath, namely, stopping the Katyushas from falling on the Galilee.

Since it is no secret that Israel's partner for a permanent settlement with Lebanon is Damascus rather than Beirut, and that the attacks nn Hizbullah are also designed to get Syria to change its attitude toward the organization, the success of Grapes of Wrath depends totally on its effect on Damascus.

President Assad has to his credit a massacre or two involving the deaths of thousands of civilians, and the loss of 100 Lebanese civilians isn't anything be is likely to lose sleep over. He will thus undoubtedly take advantage of the tragedy to go on dragging his feet and raising difficulties in his negotiations with

Whether one takes the humanistic approach or an attitude of cold realpolitik, one cannot escape the conclusion that what occurred last week at Kana was much more than a mishap.

The writer is head of the Peace The writer is a political scientist.

get through. These, we will have to take in our stride. The alternative is

CLIVE BLUSTON Karmul.

letters by Dr. Berthold Wyler, "Eye on the Media," and by L. Yuval, "Please, stop it" (April 2). First, we have to realize that antisemitism has undergone a fundamental change since Hitler and the

ANTI-ZIONISTS

Sir, - May I comment on the

Nazis, the only ones who added the racial dimension to Jew-hatred and rendered the term universally ugly and therefore unusable. While there are many antisemites about who hate Jews for all sorts of reasons, some now call themselves anti-Zionists and deny that they are antisemites. Anti-Zionism is unique in only one way: it is the first form of Jew-hatred to deny that it hates Jews. Whether they call themselves anti-Zionists or not, a considerable number of editors, journalists and The Hamas people are laughing other media personalities, including some self-hating Jews, fall into this category. They can easily be recog-

nized by their almost constant crincism of Israel and pro-PLO stance. Mr. Hugh-Jones is but the latest in a long line of editors and journalists exposed by David Bar-Illan in his "Eye on the Media" column for the anti-Zionist antisemites that they are. The almost continuous Israelbashing by "some of our best friends" proves the old Dr. Goebbels adage, that "if one tells the same lies long enough, people will begin to believe them."

Messrs. Wyler and Yuval inveigh against David Bar-Illan without one single piece of specific evidence to disprove what he said about the international editor of The Economist. Mr. Hugh-Jones admitted having said that "Jews have no more right to Israel than Amazon Indians to California." This remark, in whatever context it was used, is the clearest possible evidence of his thinking. His article in The Economist, "Did he say it or didn't he?" provides proof of his backing for Arafat and his rejection of proof in Arafat's many speeches since Oslo of his clear intention of wanting to destroy

David Bar-Illan deserves our sincere thanks for his unceasing battle against our media enemies. It is sad that there are not more of his caliber both here and abroad.

BILL OAKFIELD

Netanya.

NORWOOD OLD SCHOLARS Sir, - tt is planned to form an

Israel branch of the Norwood Old Scholars Association (NOSA) and I would like to bear from any boy or girl who was a resident at the Jewish Orphanage, West Norwood in London. Should any of your readers know of any such people who are not already in contact with me, I would be grateful if they would contact me or arrange for the person concerned to contact me by telephone, 09-629341, or fax, 09-KENNETH BERG Netanya.

MEMORIES Sir. - I was reading Meir Ron-nen's article of April 3, "Picart and

moving memories for me. Years ago, I lived in Barranquilla, Colombia. We had some very nice neighbors called Curiel. They were Catholic as far as we knew. But every Friday night before sunset, Mrs. Curiel lit two candles in her front-room window. One day, I asked her wby she lit those candles on Friday night. She replied: "My great-grandmother lit them, my grandmother lit them, and my moth-

er told me I must never forget to do

REGINA J. CHURBA Netanya (Manchester). RECIPES

Sir. - In your interesting article, 'Pessah nostalgia'' in your Pessah supplement, Ms. Cashman mentions that she has never been able to emulate the exact taste of ber mother's egg and onion mixture. May I suggest she use chicken fat (shmalz) to bind the mixture. Today, most people use oil or margarine, which may be good for one's cholesterol level, but not one's taste buds.

LISTEN! Sir, - In his article of April 9, "The old opposition." Abba Eban says: "The least debt we owe to the Israeli opposition is to understand what it says."
I would like to suggest to Mr.

NOMI KALISCH

Eban that the least debt he owes to himself is to understand what Arafat says. Mr. Eban is not listening and/ or understanding. ROSALY EVNINE

Jerusalem

Harm's Way

Israel's Artillery. Lebanon's Pain. Syria's Victory.

By YOUSSEF M. IBRAHIM

little more than five years ago, at the Middle East peace conference in Madrid, it was hard to find a policy maker from the United States, Israel, Egypt or Jordan, or among the Palestinians, who had a kind word about Syrla and its hard-line President, Hafez al-Assad.

As an outline of peace began to appear in the Middle East, the Syrian President was still resisting the sweep of optimism, and this led to descriptions of him in the corridors as a "dinosaur," "deadwood" - a relic

Assad has always sought to be the one who could veto peace. Now he is.

of the past soon to be swept away as the cold war had been swept away by the collapse of

In the bitter spring of 1996, however, the clearest image looming over the Middle East appears to be that of renewed conflict.

And the clearest winner, for the moment, appears to be Hafez al-Assad - sitting pretty in Damascus, receiving an unprecedented visit by the foreign ministers of the world's most powerful nations. They are coming to him as the key to restoring calm for Lebanon and Israel - and, perhaps, for restoring life to the peace process.

More than a week ago, after Iranianbacked guerrillas in Lebanon sent Katyusha rockets into northern Israel, the Israelis struck back ferociously in Lebanon, with air

strikes and shelling that sent waves of Lebanese refugees northward. The clear message received in the Arab world was that unless Lebanon and the country that pulls the strings there, Syria, intervened to rein in the guerrillas of the Party of God, Lebanon itself would suffer new trauma.

But the Israeli calculations went terribly wrong last week, when guns firing back toward a spot near the village of Qana where Katyushas had been launched hit not guerrillas, but civilians buddling for safety in a United Nations post. The fiery deaths there of 75 Lebanese set off horror in the Arab world and frantic international activity to arrange a cease-fire.

And attention turned to Damascus and Mr. Assad, whose cooperation in reining in Hezbollah had been the point all along.

Questions remain, of course: Just what does Mr. Assad want in this crisis? What does be stand to gain? How amenable will he be to working out a deal that looks toward peace rather than war?

Top Egyptian policy makers here, who are normally contemptuous of Syrians, are not very sanguine. They say that understanding Mr. Assad's calculations begins with understanding Israel's:

The Israelis, according to this analysis, were trying to get Damascus to disarm the Party of God and freeze that group's backer, Iran, out of the Middle East equation by forcing Syria's hand in Lebanon. The object was a new agreement on peace along Israel's northern border in a taclt exchange for no challenge to Syria's continued hegemony over Lebanon. With that achieved, Israel could then hope Mr. Assad would resume negotiations over an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights. "What Is demanded of us," a senior Syrian official reportedly told his Egyptian counterpart, "is to guarantee Israel's peace of mind if we wanted peace of mind in Lebanon."

But there was a problem with that scenario: Mr. Assad is not a tender man, nor



The shelling of Qana set off horror in the Arab world and tore apart hopes of restoring Israel's relations with Lebanon. On Friday, a Lebanese Muslim cleric, left, and two Christian clergymen visited victims at a hospital in Tyre.

has he been moved to compromise for nearly 30 years by the fact that Israel has

occupied the Golan Heights.
Thus, the Egyptian officials say, the trials of the Lebanese are not likely to move him. This is, after all, a man who did not hesitate to deal in a deadly fashlon with 15,000 of his own citizens in Hama who had rebelled against his authority back in the 1980's.

If anything, some of the Egyptians surmise, Mr. Assad would like to see the Israe-

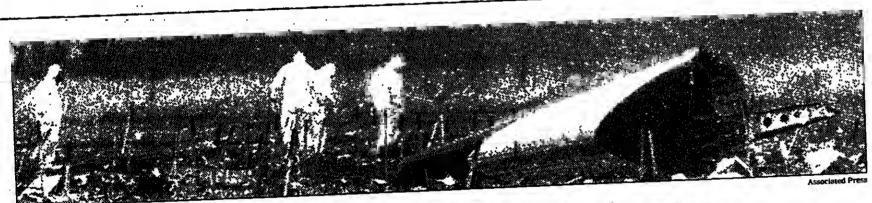
lis even more deeply involved in attacking Lebanon so that International public opinion will continue to turn against them and their chief supporter, the United States.

Indeed, the fighting in Lebanon has already set back the process of "normalization" between Arabs and Israelis. That process had opened the doors of many an Arab capital to Israeli diplomats even as the doors of Damascus remained firmly shut and Mr. Assad continued to frown on what

his controlled press called "an undignified rush to embrace the enemy."

Last week, Mr. Assad's brand of talk was finding an echo in capitals like Cairo, where the wave of violence in Lebanon has reversed the sympathy extended loward Israel after the suiclde bombings staged on its own territory by the radical Islamic Palestinian movement Hamas. Anti-American

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First officer: You still gotta tell it what to do.

Captain: If the autopilot didn't work, he'd be one busy little bee

First Officer: (sound of laughter).

From the cockpit recording of a plane that crashed on Oct. 31, 1994.

The Banter Before Tragedy What conversations

in the cabin say about airplane crashes

By Adam Bryant

Who Knew?

Iran sent Bosnia arms and Clinton looked away.

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Rioting in Africa

A legacy of apartheid practiced by freed slaves.

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Herbal Tease

Who regulates natural food supplements?

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Wired Life

The Great Unplugged Masses Confront the Future



By STEVE LOHR

new technology is opening up oew vistas for democracy, education and personal enrichment, a magazine predicts. "The Government," it says, "will be a living thing to its citizens instead of an abstract and unseen force. . . . Elected representatives will not be able to evade their responsibility to those who put them in office."

The new medium will be like a gigantic school, the magazine declares, and "have a greater student body than all our universities put together."

The year was 1922, radio was the new technology, and the magazine was Radio Broadcast.

But it might just as well have been 1996, the technology of the Internet, and the magazine Wired. These days, Wired chronicles the rise of the digital communications and entertainment on the Internet. And best sellers by champions of technology like Nicholas Negroponte of the M.I.T. Media Lab ("Being Digital") and Bill Gates of Microsoft ("The Road Ahead") portray the wired future as a second renalssance that

will bring about a new life for everyone. Veterans of previous outbreaks of technological euphoria are skeptical. "Each time a new medium comes along, great bopes are raised," said Erik Barnouw, a professor emeritus at Columbia University and a media historian. "But the lesson of history is that every new medium provides new opportunities for selling as well as for education, for monopolists as well as for democracy, and for abuse as well as for benefit."

There is some recent evidence that the rush to the information age is slowing, at least temporarily. Eco-

nomics, social attitudes and sheer exhaustion with the torrid pace of technological change are all cited as reasons. Still, in a nation that is second to none in embracing what is new, the notion of an all-encompassing technological renaissance is being reconsidered rather than rejected wholesale. It's possible that a few people are tossing out their personal computers, but

Yet, a small but vocal community of anti-technolothere are not many. gists would like to stir up a backlash. And they have demonstrated that people are paying attention. Witness the cottage industry of naysayers, led by authors like Clifford Stoll ("Silicon Snake Oil") and Kirkpatrick Sale ("Rebels Against the Future"). Indeed, today's Luddites (the followers of the 19th-century English machine-smashers who resorted to sabotage and assassination) are suddenly gaining respect. Last weekend, 350 people gathered in Barnesville, Ohio, for the Second Luddite Congress. Even the Unabomber, today's most famous Luddite, has struck a chord, though his methods are deplored.

Virtual Disneyland

Scott Savage, who was one of the organizers of the Barnesville congress and is the publisher of Plain Magazine, a journal of the simple life, said, "Our message to people is that they don't have to live in some virtual Disneyland, which is where so much of society seems to be headed. People can make choices about

technology and reject it." Mr. Sale, who is trying to rehabilitate history's

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From an Airliner's Black Box, Next-to-Last Words

By ADAM BRYANT

EW offices have as little privacy as an airliner cockpit, where a microphone picks up a pilot's every word, chuckle and yawn. A recorder, housed in a so-called black box, continually erases all but the last 30 minutes of conversation. It stops when the plane's power is off and, oo much rarer occasions, in a crash. If the recorder is recovered, the tape is analyzed by investigators. It is then transcribed and, as with details released last week on the crash in December in Cali, Colombia, It is made public,

Releasing the transcripts is a practice that irks many pilots. It is disrespectful to the pilots and their families, they say, and casual readers may not understand when pilots are relaxed as opposed to lax. Pilots are a team, and a bit of joking can improve

the way they communicate. Nevertheless, the transcripts can be lmmensely valuable in determining why accidents occurred. Last week, two weeks after the crash that killed Commerce Secretary Ronald H. Brown and 34 others on a military plane in Croatia, the Secretary of Defense ordered that the recording devices be installed on milltary aircraft carrying passen. gers. (They are not required on private planes, like the one in which the 7-year-old pilot Jessica Dubroff was killed this month.)

The transcripts are studied closely by safety experts, particularly those coocerned that increasing automation may lead to complacency in the cockpit. The planes are now generally so reliable that safety experts are shifting their locus to pilot behavlor, which is cited as a factor in about three of four crashes.

"It is the last frontier of aviation safety," said H. Clayton Foushee, vice president of flight operations for Northwest Airlines. The Federal Aviation Administration and NASA are studying the problem of automation and pilot boredom, It is a concern throughout the industry that many airlines and manufacturers are trying to alleviate.

When is cockpit banter acceptable, in the same way that surgeons sometimes chitchat over an open heart, and when is it dangerous? The F.A.A. prohibits "non-pertinent" conversation below 10,000 feet, and that includes taxing. But when a jet is waiting in a line of 15 planes to take off, or at cruise altitude or in a holding pattern, is anything wrong with a little small talk?

It is a subtle problem. For investigators, part of the solution is looking beyond the poignancy of knowing more than the pilots about their imminent faie. Here are excerots from four transcripts of cockpit conversations before the planes crashed.

On the Way to Cali: 'Uh, Where Are We?'

Last Dec. 20, on American Airlines Boeing 757 jet opproached Cali, Colombia. In the transcript, the pilots of flight 965 are discussing work rules and their fotigue from international flight. Some words that were unintelligible to investigators are noted as osterisks.

Captain: I started to say, I wrote this little sheet out, I called tracking one day and I said. 'Hey, this (expletive) international is doing me, and I don't understand two-man crew, blah, blah, blah, lt varies, two-man crew, three-man' I said, 'I want you to spell out the legal rest,' and that's where I got this from, and I wrote it down very explicitly. Ten hours minimum crew rest.

First Officer: That's on international? Captain: Yeah, if you fly less than 512

F. O.: Which this case Captain: That's our scenario. Ten hours crew rest, 30-minute debrief, and one-hour sign-in. And you can't move that up at all, because it's an F.A.A. thing. You roll those wheels, before 1112 hours, you're (expletive). Now, now, like I say, I can, I'll have, you know, grab a little extra half hour for us. We'll report a little bit late. Just give us a little extra sleep time. As long as we get the thing off at 9:50 so we don't get, get our (expletive) ***. Why the (expletive) didn't you report? To which I will say, 'The 34minute (expletive) cab ride each way. I don't think we had enough legal safe time. Now, if you want to hang mc on that, you hang me on that, but f didn't break any F.A.A. regulations. Anyway, you know

The captain mentions a pilot friend who was often tired from flying international



A Colombian soldier in the wreckage near Cali; the pilots were lost.

routes, and then continues. Captain: He said he didn't mind it, he didn't mind driving back home at five o'clock in the morning. But to me, I'm like

. . it's torture.

F.O.: Yeah. Captain: Torture in the (expletive) car, trying to keep awake and stay alive, uh-uh. I discussed this with my wife. I said, 'Honey, I just don't want to do this, I hope you don't feel like I'm ***. She sald, 'No way, forget It.' She said, 'You don't need to do that (exple-

tive),' (sound similar to vawn) Over the next 15 minutes, the pilots become confused about instructions from air traffic controllers and make a series of small mistakes that are not corrected by the controllers, and lose track of their location. They reprogram the plane's flight compuler to make o turn.

F.O.: Uh, where are we? We goin' out to

Captain: Let's go right to, uh, Tulua first

of all. O.K.? F.O.: Yeah, where we headed? They turn the plane to the right, bul inexplicably allow the jet to keep losing altitude. A warning system tells them they

ore getting close to the ground. Captain: Oh, (expletive). Pull up, baby. F.O.: It's O.K. Captain: O.K., easy does it, easy does It.

Up, baby ... more, more. F. O.: O.K.

Captain: Up, up, up. End of recording.

The plone hit o mountain, killing 160 people on board. The investigation of the crash, which has not been concluded has exomined whether the pilots were lutted into complocency by the outomated nature of the Boeing 757's cockpit.

Almost at Chicago: 'We Still Got Ice'

On Oct. 3t, 1994, an American Eagle turboprop was holding in icy weather of on altitude of about 10,000 feet, woiting for cleorance to land in Chicago.

Flight attendant: What do you alt do up here when *** when autopiloting? Just hang First officer: You still gotta tell it what to

Captain: If the autopilot didn't work, he'd be one busy little bee right now.

F. O.: (sound of laughter) For the next 17 minutes, the pilots tolk

about adjusting the plane's flops to level out

their ongle of flying. They also discuss the rain, communicate with air traffic controllers, explain to passengers why they're in a holding pattern, then return to chatting. The captain soys he needs to go back to the bathroom in the cabin. F.O.: They're gonna be giving you dirty

looks, man. Captain: Oh, man, oh, yeah, I know they are. People do. It's either that or pee on 'em. (sound of flight attendant call bell, then of seat belt being unfastened)

The audio recording system picks up the following from the cabin, where the flight attendant and captain talk about whether the aircraft has adequote fuel. The captain then calls the first officer in the cockpit. Captain: Hey, bro'.

F.O.: Yeah. Captain: Gettin' busy with the ladies back

F.O.: Oh. F. A.: (sound of snicker)

Captain: Yeah, so if, so if I doo't make it up there within the next say, 15 or 20 minutes, you know why.

F. O.: O.K. Captain: O.K.

here.

F. O.: I'll, uh, when we get close to touchdown, I'll give you a ring. Captain: There you go.

Captain: No, I'll, I'll be up right now. There's somebody in the bathroom so ***. The captain returns and asks about the list of connecting flights for passengers.

connecting gates? Did we throw those Captain: How do you, how do you get

Captain: Where's the, uh, where's the

connecting gates? F.O.: In range one. Captain: And you haven't heard any more from this chick in, this controller chick,

F. O.: No, not a word. Where'd it go any-

Captain: I don't know. I must have thrown it away. F. O.: We still got ice.

The pilots then tolk with air troffic controllers about their altitude and how long they will have to hold. As they descend to 8,000 feet, the plone starts to tilt uncontrollably from side to side before nose-diving. Alert signals and horns sound in the cockpit. and the pilots ore breathing heavily.

Captain: All right, man. O.K., mellow it

F. O.; O.K. Captain: Mellow it out. F.O.: O.K. Captain: Autopilot's disengaged. F. O.: O.K.

Captain: Nice and easy. F. O.: Aw, *** (loud crunching)

End of recording. The plane plunged into a soybean field neor Roselown, Ind., killing all 68 aboord. Although the final report on the accident has not yet been released, investigators believe that the sensitivity of the oircraft, an ATR-72, to ice buildup on its wings created tilting forces that the autopilot compensated for until it could no longer hold. The autopilot disengaged in an instant, handing the pilots o plane that was out of control. All ATR aircraft wings have since been modified to better protect against ice buildup.

Approaching Pittsburgh: 'Whoa . . . Hang On'

On the ofternoon of Sept. 8, 1994, o Boeing 737 flown by USAir approached Pittsburgh



The American Eagle turboprop was holding near Chicago, waiting for clearance, in icy weather. The autopilot could not hold. The wreckage in Roselawn, Ind.

International Airport. The weather was good, and the pilots of flight 427 were expecting a routine descent and landing. The first sound on the recording from either pilot is, in fact, a yawn. They are at cruise altitude. Flight attendant in the cockpit: Do ya

Captain: Pretzels. F. A.: You guys need drinks here? Captain: Uh, I could use a glass of somethin', whatever's open. Water, uh, water,

know what I'm thinkin' about? Pretzels.

First Officer: I'll split a, yeah, a water, a juice, whatever's back there, I'll split one

F. A.: Okey-dokey. Do you want me to make you my special fruity juice cocktail? Captain: How fruity is it?

F.O.: All right, I'll be a guinea plg. The pilots talk to air traffic controllers' about reducing their speed. The flight ottendant returns with the drinks.

F. A .: If you don't like . . . I didn't taste 'em so f don't know if they came out right. Captain: That's good. F. O.: That is good.

F. A.: It's good. F.O.: That is different. Be real, be real

good with some dark rum in it. The pilots then talk with Pittsburgh con-

trollers about their approach heading, and then talk more with the flight attendant about their juice drinks. Captain: It tastes like a ***.

F. O.: Good. Captain: There's little grapefruit in it.

F. A.: No. (sound of laughter.) F. O .: *** cranberry.

F. A.: Yeah, you saw that from the color. F. O.: Uh, Sprite?

F.O.: Huh.

F. A.: Diet Sprite.

F. A.: And f guess you could do lt with Sprite. Prob'ly be a little better if you do. Captain: Yeah, there's more? F. A.: One more.

F.O.: Ah. O.J.?

F. A.: You got it. Cranberry, orange and

F.O.: Really nice. F.A.: It's different. Could ya keep comin'

out, aaah, whataya' got different and Captain: I always mix the cranberry and the grapefruit. I like that. (sound of aural tone similar to altitude alert) F. A.: *** O.K., back to work.

A controller tells the pilots to descend and maintain an oltitude of 6,000 feet. They moke some checks of londing data, shoulder hornesses and other matters. The first officer remarks, "Oops, I didn't kiss 'em 'bre," and then tells passengers about weather conditions in Pittsburgh and thanks them for choosing USAIr. The pilots slow the aircraft as they descend

Captain: Boy, they always slow you up so bad here. F.O.: That sun is gonna be just like it was

takin' off in Cleveland yesterday, too, 1'm just gonna close my eyes. (laughter) You holler when it looks like we're close. (laugh-Captain: O.K. (sounds follow that are

similar to electrical clicks and thumps) Whoa...hang on...hang on...hang on.... F.O.: Oh, (expletive). Captain: Hang on. What the hell is this

What the ... oh, God ... oh, God F.O.: (expletive)

Captain: Pull. F. O.: Oh, (expletive). Captain: Pull. F. O.: God. (sound of screaming) No.

End of recording. The plane's rudder had moved, forcing the plane to skid to the teft. The jet then

rolled and went into a 300-mile-an-hour corkscrew plunge to the ground, killing all 132 people on board. The safety board has not yet determined what coused the crash.

Over Dallas-Fort Worth: 'Engine Failure'

On Aug. 31, 1988, a Delta Air Lines Boeing 727 on the ground began taxiing to a runway at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. The excerpt begins just after oir traffic controllers have told the pilots to head to a different runway.

First Officer: What kinda birds are those?

Captain: Egrets or whatever they call Flight attendant in the cockpit: Yeah,

F. O.: Are they?

F. A.: I think so. Are they a cousin to the ones by the sea?

Captain: I don't know, they Whenever I mow grass out in my pasture they come in and it stirs up the grasshoppers and every-

Flight engineer: Boy, they just flock here. F.O.; I've seen them all over the place out around here.

Captain: Grasshoppers * F.A.: Real ***,

Captain: They, ah, in fact, they sit on the back of our horse now and then you see one out there just sittin' on the back of the horse. F. A.: Oh, is that right?

F. O.: I've seen them sittin' on the back of a lot of cows. Captain: Yeah.

F. A.: Are they the ones that pick the bugs off of them and stuff? Captain: I guess and they hang around them because while they're grazing, you

know, they stir up the insects and they can get 'em easler. F. A.: Uh-huh. They're pretty birds. The four crew members talk about how the airport has improved in recent years,

and then return to the topic of birds. Captain: Did you see that bird? F. A.: Yes. Captain: He got the jet blast. F. A.: Yeah, he did. He got lt.



At Dallas-Fort Worth, the Delta Boeing 727 crashed 22 seconds after liftoff.

F. A.: He said, 'What in the world was

F.O.: Ever go out to Midway and see the gooney birds? They're somethin' to watch. F. E.: They crash and look around to see if anybody saw 'em, you know.

F.O.: Yeah. They would, they, you know, il you'd do a run-up, the flight would come up and do a run-up, and the gooney birds would be back there in the prop wash, just hangin' in the air, you know, and then they shut, pull, pull the power back, and then they'd just hit the ground, you know. They were hilarious. They'd send a truck out. You'd get ready to take off, they'd send a pickup truck out and they'd go move the birds off the runway so you could take off.

F. A.: Oh, really. Oh, how funny. Where are they? Where was that? F. O.: Midway, Midway Island.

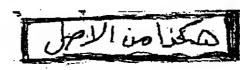
F. A.: Midway Island. F.O.: They come back and they nest in

exactly the same spot that they were born. F. A.: On the runway. The crew then prepares to take off, checking the l verious controls are set properly. As they take off:

Captain: Somethin's wrong. Oooh. F.O.: Engine failure. We got an engine Captain: We're not gonna make it. Full

F.O.: *** (sounds of impact and screams) End of recording.

The plone crashed 22 seconds ofter liftoff. killing 12 passengers and two flight attendonts and seriously injuring 26 others; 68 passengers received minor injuries or were unhurt. The sofety board said one couse of the crash was poor cockpit discipline, resulting in the crew trying to take off without properly setting the wing flaps.



The World

Warlords Ascend In Liberia's Ruins

By HOWARD W. FRENCH

INCE freed American slaves first arrived to "settle" this steamy swampland in 1822, there has been one constant in this country's tortured history: Liberia has always belonged, like so much real estate, to its boldest sons. MONROVIA, Liberia Now in a renewed state of civil war, it waits for the strongest to assert themselves.

From the very start, the land of the free envisioned by Liberia's American founders never included the indigenous tribes who were displaced by firepower and subterfuge. And to cement their grip, the Americo-Liberians, as the newcomers were known, instituted a subtle version of apartheid that ended only in 1980. In that fateful year, 28year-old Army Master Sergeant Samuel K. Doe overthrew the hegemony of the American-descended ruling class, killing the President, William R. Tolbert.

If this class revenge after decades of deprivation and scorn was deeply satisfying for many indigenous Liberians, their pleasure would be brief. Soon enough, Mr. Doe'a terror produced a sobering hangover: without its traditional elite, however selfish and corrupt, Liberia was ungovernable. Sitting amid the ruins of a country that once bad one of West Africa's most developed economies, Liberians of every background craved a savior bold enough to topple their bloody and unschooled dictator.

Enter Charles Taylor, a ruthless descendant of the American settlers, who bribed his way out a Massachusetts prison, where he was awaiting extradition to Liberia on embezzlement charges. In 1989 Mr. Taylor, promising national redemption, invaded from neighboring Ivory Coast. The following year Mr. Doe was captured and executed by a breakaway militia. With conflict splintering, the country was without any organizing

Despite international efforts, civil war again erupts in this onceproud country.

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thought besides the raw, boundless ambitions of Mr. Taylor and his many rivals.

Liberia's latest troubles, the resumption of a war in which the battlefield switched terrifyingly in the space of a weekend from the thick bush of the interior to the streets of the capital, were the logical next chapter.

The year before, a political agreement that made the warlords co-vice chairmen on a transitional ruling council last October provided the first real sense of hope the country had known since the Doe coup. The agreement, brokered by the 16-member Economic Community of West African States, also set up a timetable for elections. It may one day be seen as a textbook case of how not to settle an African civil war.

Liberia's peace pact effectively opened the gates of a relatively tranquil capital to the new vice chairmen and as many as 60,000 teen-age warriors before even begin-ning to tackle thorny questions like disarmament, re-education or employment.

"If only we could have mounted something economically, we could have drawn these fighters away from the militias and into some kind of productive activity for the first time in their lives," said one Western diplomat, who saw pledges of international aid evaporate with war. "Everything we were picking up indicated that people, starting with the fighters, were tired of the war, but we never got anything going."

Meanwhile, the 10,000-man West African peacekeeping force, weary after five years



In Monrovia, Liberia's capital, a young war refugee sits on a sewer pipe and eats bulgur wheat in the housing compound of the United States Embassy.

here, dropped its guard. Members of the Nigerian-led force saw deployment here as an opportunity for plunder. By the time the shooting broke out on Easter weekend, what had begun as a model of regional peacekeeping had degenerated into a contrabandrunning, shakedown operation where the least desirable jobs were those that had anything to do with keeping the peace.

The worst mistake in Liberia's return to chaos, however, may bave been giving only three militia leaders, including Charles Taylor, seats in the new Council of State. Already disgruntled over the size of the piece of the cake reserved for them in the settle-ment, members of the Krahn ethnic group, a small but battle-hardened people who were the backbone of Mr. Doe's army, needed little persuasion to rally behind the latest bold leader pulling the oldest maneuver in Liberian politics: the naked power play.

Mutual Destruction

Persuasioo came from Roosevelt Johnson, the leader of a breakaway faction of the United Liberation Movement. In February, Mr. Johnson, who was unhappy about not having been named to the council, attacked peacekeepers near Tubmanburg.

At the same time, the gardens of Mr. Johnson's suburban villa had become a recruiting ceoter for hundreds of idle Krahn youngsters who flocked there advertising their one and only skill: trigger pulling.

What ensued was a conflagration that none of Liberia's many international partners, including influential Americans, were prepared for. Sensing a dangerous challenge just as his six-year bld for power was nearer than ever to bearing fruit, Mr. Taylor, whose forces had been infiltrating the capital faster than anyone else's, issued a warrant for Mr. Johnson's arrest on specious murder charges.

In the space of two of the most destructive weeks in this country's long history, Mr. Taylor and the outside world learned that whatever the balance of power might be in the bush, warfare along tribal lines in Monrovia's close quarters is mutually assured destruction. With corpses rotting in the streets, cholera sweeping muddy urban refugee camps and little left of a badly looted city that once called itself the Manhattan ol Africa, the only question seemed to be whether this ambiguous prospect would be enough to usher in some form of deterrence.

Now, Iran-Bosnia

Who Knew What and When?

By ELAINE SCIOLINO

WASHINGTON I'S an election year, so perhaps it should come as no surprise that, suddenly, the Clinton Administration has its very own scandal involving Iranian ayatollahs and secret arms shipments. Or does it?

Obviously, the Republicans think so. They are planning no fewer than six Congressional hearings to investigate the legality and wisdom of President Clinton's unannounced decision in 1994 to do nothing to stop Croatia from sending Iranian arms into Bosnia.

Just by calling in the investigators, they are planting the familiar impression that there is something to be exposed - a flawed policy, an end-run around Congress, and perhaps even criminality.

But this episode isn't Iran-contra II. If there is a budding scandal here, so far it involves a failure to inform Congress of a decision it probably wouldn't have opposed anyway, the prospect that the White House will withhold documents and some sloppy handling of who knew what when

Bob Dole, the President's challenger this year, has expressed shock: "It's duplicitous, to say the least," he said, "to tell us one thing while they're trying to covertly sort of wink and nod to the Iranians." He neglected to mention that in 1994 be was leading the charge in the Senate for lifting the arms embargo, and when reports surfaced of Iranian arms shipments, he did not object.

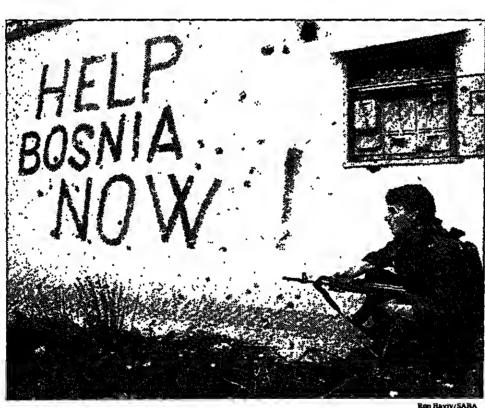
The Administration argues that Mr. Dole is posturing. Officials recall that news organizations reported that arms from Iran and other countries were arriving in Bosnia via Croatia and that reports on the shipments were in the daily classified intelligence reports that circulate throughout the

What are the facts? In the spring of 1994 Bosnia's Muslims were under slege by the better-armed Serbs. The Administration (and Senator Dole) wanted to help the Muslim-led Government by lifting the United Nations-mandated arms embargo. But America's European allies, who had thousands of peacekeeping troops on the ground, vehemently opposed such a move. The Administration ruled out breaking the embargo on its own, arguing that this would tear NATO apart.

Didn't Ask, Didn't Tell

If Ronald Reagan had been in the White House, he might have ordered William Casey, his Director of Central Intelligence, m cook up a covert operation to send arms secretly, just as they had done in Nicaragua and Afghanistan.

But covert operations don't seem to be Mr. Clinton's style. This one would have tied the United States to the fate of the Bosnian Muslims and enraged the allies. Besides. Mr. Clinton had a poor relationship with James Woolsey, the Director of Central Intelligence, who would have had to carry



In 1993, Bosnian Muslim soldiers were fighting the Serbs despite the shortages of guns brought about by an arms embargo.

out any covert operation. By law, Congress would have had to have been informed. inevitably, the operation would have leaked. So Mr. Clinton came up with a watereddown alternative: covert inaction.

On Air Force One on April 27, 1994, while en route to Washington from Richard Nixon's funeral, the national security adviser, Anthony Lake, presented Mr. Clinton with a way he could give a green light to Iranian arms shipments. Croatia's President, Franjo Tudjman, was preparing to ask the United States what it would think about an Iranian smuggling operation, and Mr. Clinton decided not to oppose it.

So Peter Galbraith, the American Ambassador to Croatia, told Mr. Tudjman that he had "no instructions" about such a plan. A few days later, an Iranian 747 bearing arms arrived in Croatia. And then Congress passed legislation requiring the Administration to stop enforcing the arms embargo, so ignoring such arms shipments became official policy in late 1994.

Until two weeks ago, the Republicans in Congress weren't making any fuss over the fact that Iran belped Bosnia fight a war that the Administration and Congress wanted Bosnia to win. That all changed when the Los Angeles Times reported Mr. Clinton's personal involvement.

It may well turn out that the Administration did nothing illegal, but the episode still raises questions about how well it makes decisions. Why, for example, didn't Mr. Lake, the co-author of a 1984 book on flaws in how foreign policy gets made, ask for a formal National Security Council meeting

so that all the President's top advisers could be consulted? Mr. Woolsey, kept in the dark, assumed there was a rogue operation run outside the Central Intelligence Agency. White House officials acknowledge that Secretary of Defense William Perry and Gen. John Shalikashvili, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, were not consulted in advance either. Mr. Perry, more than once, expressed concern about Iranian arms shipments, said a senior Pentagon official, though be never tried to get them stopped.

Mr. Christopher, by contrast, who has made economic and diplomatic sanctions against Iran a pillar of American foreign policy, formally recommended to the President that the United States not try to stop theashipments. "Warren Christopher told me that this was the way to go," said Under Secretary of State Peter Tarnoff.

Lawmakers may want to know whether Administration officials were completely honest about American policy. When Mr. Christopher was asked in Geneva about reports of the first Iranian 747 shipment, he replied, "The United States expects compliance with the embargo."

Fair or not, the Republicans will try to use the Iranian connection to tarnish the Clinton Administration's peace agreement in Bosnia, much as the Democrats went after George Bush's record as a war President by arguing that he bad mistakenly tried to befriend Saddam Hussein before the Iraqi President invaded Kuwait. It may only be theater; it may only be politics. But the fran episode certainly gives the Republicans one more opportunity for a show trial.

In Lebanon, the Gain So Far Is for Syria

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sentiment has also surfaced, based on feelings that the Clinton Administration took far too long to express sympathy over the plight of Lebanon's civilian population.
"This war on Lebanon is an Israeli

crime, and the Qana butchery is a premeditated war crime blessed and supported by the United States," wrote Abdelwahab Badrachan, one of the Arab world's best-read leftist columnists, in the daily Al Hayat. His tone could have been found as easily in a commentary by a rightist.

How long this will last is anybody's guess. The suddenness with which sympathy for Israel turned to vitriol is testimooy to just how volatile the Middle East can be. Maybe the diplomats now in Syria have in their briefcases a package that can lure Mr. Assad into the role of active peacemaker - though they have been seeking that for years now, in vain.

It is also significant, in the Arab world, that the harsh judgment of Israel is what Hafez al-Assad has been saying all along. In recent years it had been falling increasingly on deaf ears in Egypt and elsewhere. But now Mr. Assad's intransigence, his stiffness and his seeming inability to let go of an implacable distrust of Israel seem more in accord with a deep Arab disappointment in the prospects for peace and the vision of it as expressed by Shimon

Arab anger at Israel echoes what Assad has said all along.

Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister whose election hopes now rest so heavily on restoring some measure of control over the violence his country is caught in.

From the Syrian point of view, perhaps Mr. Peres will now negotiate to get a cease-fire that would return matters to where they were two weeks ago. This would be a gain for Syria, because it has always sought a veto on the peace process, and giving israel a cease-fire in Lebanon now becomes a prize to be conferred only in return for favors.

The alternative, it seems, would be to let Israel continue to wade deeper into the mud of Lebanon - the same quagmire that proved so disastrous more than a decade ago.

"Anwar Sadat always used to say he who gives can taketh away," an Egyptian policy maker said. "Sadat used this logic to make peace. Hafez Assad has elevated it to an art, to extract concessions."



U.N. peacekeepers used blankets to carry away the body of a victim killed by Israeli shelling near the village of Qana on Thursday.

Ideas & Trends

The Unwholesome Tale of the Herb Market

By GINA KOLATA

OME people assume that what is natural is good for you, or at least harmless. That assumption, as it turns out, is a great marketing ploy but a dangerous motto for living.

So far, at least 15 people have died in the United States after taking herbal products containing ephedrine, also known as ephedra or ma huang. And yet, this herbal drug is still on the market along with other untested herbs and so-called food supplements, including vitamins, amino acids, melatonin and 'natural" birth control pills

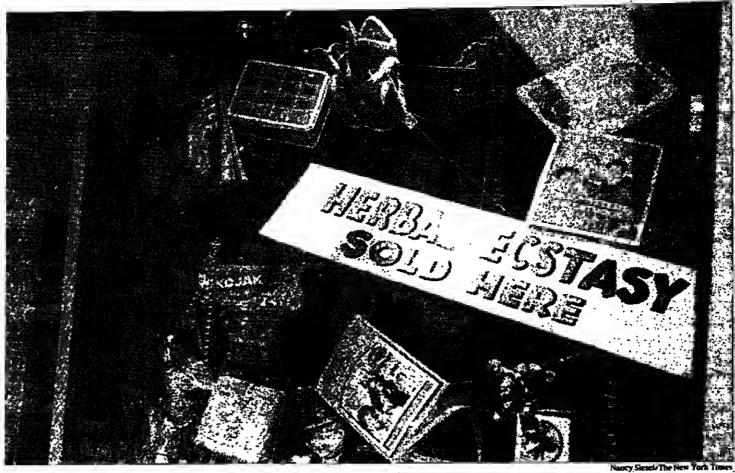
Hemlock Tea, Anyone?

Dr. Richard Friedman, a psychiatrist who directs the Psychopharmacology Clinic at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, wanted to test the limits on what kinds of herbs could be sold without approval from the Food and Drug Administration. So he called the F.D.A. Suppose, he asked, he wanted to sell hemlock tea, the deadly poison that Socrates drank. Would there be any way for the F.D.A. to stop him before his tea was on the shelves in health food stores and groceries across the nation? The answer was no. The F.D.A., he learned, "couldn't stop me from selling hemlock tea until the bodies piled up."

Why? There is a law that prevents the F.D.A. from regulating herbs and other food supplements. Less than three years ago, tens of thousands of Americans, responding to an intense lobbying campaign by the food supplement industry, wrote, faxed and telephoned members of Congress, urging them to deregulate the industry.

Mitchell Zeller, the deputy associate commissioner for policy at the F.D.A., who was, at the time, a Congressional staffer, said that Congress received more mail in 1993 urging it to deregulate supplements than it received on any other issue that year, including health care reform or Nafta.

And Congress responded. In 1994, it passed the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act As a consequence, makers of supplements no longer have to demonstrate that their products are safe before marketing them. The burden is on the F.D.A. to show they are unsafe - after they have



Herbal Ecstasy, a stimulant with ephedrine in it, on display in the windows of Loves Saves the Day, in Manhattan.

been marketed. The law also enables the companies to make unrestrained and unjustified health claims.

While Nassau County, N.Y., said last week it would ban the sale of stimulant herbs containing ephedrine, an amphetamine-like stimulant, other cities across the nation are still selling these herbs, with names like Cloud 9 (not to be confused with the healthfood candy bar of the same name). Ulumate Xphoria and Herbal Ecstasy. Stores are marketing the herb as a "natural" substance to promote euphoria or increase energy. Under other names, the herb is sold to promote weight loss or as an aid for body

One product marketed to body builders combined ephedrine with kola nut, Mr. Zetler said. "It was a combination of nature's version of speed and nature's version of caffeine," he said. And some people who took it had strokes, heart attacks and psychatic episodes. Some even died.

One of the recent ephedrine deaths was that of 20-year-old Long Island man, Peter Schlendorf, who died shortly after taking eight Ultimate Xphoria pills while he was on spring break in Florida last month.

When the ephedrine casualty reports surfaced this month, the F.D.A. decided to set up a toll-free telephone number to solicit adverse reactions to the herbs. The first

day, the agency received 1,200 calls. Although some of the catlers simply wanted more information about the herbs, many were alarmed by what had happened to them or to their friends.

The widespread shock about these deaths reflects two popular misconceptions of herbal products, experts said. First, said Dr. Friedman, there is the conviction that anything that is "natural" is also safe.

"There is a suspension of any critical disbelief," he said. By contrast, he added, many people view the pharmaceutical industry with great suspicion and search out supplements to replace prescription drugs. At the same time, many Americans are

unaware that the F.D.A. has no power to regulate food supplements. "Everyone alive today has come to expect that the products they buy are at least safe," said Dr. William Jarvis, director of the National Council Against Health Fraud. "They believe there is this powerful regulation going on. People are always talking about how the F.D.A. is a such a hard-nosed Gestape organization. They feel we're overprotected." But, he added, "of course, that's not true when it comes to health care products."

Not all dietary supplements are dangerous, of course. In many cases, the worst that happens is that people waste their money. Dr. David Eisenberg, director of the Center for Alternative Medicine Research at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, said, "I think that by and large the evidence is that many herbal products are safe.

"All have the potential to be dangerous," he said but added that "the same is true for conventional medicines and drugs.

The difference is that the risks of conventional drugs must be established before they are marketed. And their benefits must be shown to exceed their risks.

In the case of herbs and other food supplements, Dr. Jarvis said, even doctors may have trouble deciding whether a person's symptoms have anything to do with a supplement. "Information on some herbal drugs or on their interactions with prescription drugs may be obscure or unavailable.

Prozac Plus Herb

Dr. Friedman tells a story about the dangers of herbs and the public's ignorance of them. One of his patients, an elderly woman. was taking drugs for manic depression. She went to a "natural" doctor, who gave her a drug to soothe her moods.

Dr. Friedman was concerned and called the other doctor, asking what he had given her. It was a herb from Romania, Dr. Friedman said that when he looked it up. "I almost died." In combination with the Prozac that his patient was taking, the berb could have killed her.

Dr. Friedman called the natural doctor and insisted he telephone the woman and urge her to stop the herb immediately.

The doctor who prescribed the herb wasa't incresed by the psychiatrist's intrusion. "He thanked me," Dr. Friedman said.

Unplugged: Not Everyone Is Wired

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image of the Luddites, sometimes sets the tone for his anti-technology lectures by destroying a computer with a sledgehammer. He calls personal computers "a mounting intrusion." He calls television "stultifying junk." And, he says, he finds that increasing numbers of people share his politicized view of technology.

'More and more people are seeing their jobs being eliminated and their skills being devalued because of technology," said Mr. Sale, who shuns computers but owns a telephone and a car. "It's not Republicans or Democrats, Bush or Clinton. It's the technol-

For most people, though, technology decisions are based on practical considerations. Is it affordable? Is it easy to use? Is it an essential tool? Or, if not that, is it at least fashionable and fun?

Acquiring a personal computer is the initiation fee to join the technological club. Sales of computers to American households are expected to slow down this year, growing at 8 percent, after three years of growth in the 20to-40 percent range, according to Dataquest, a research firm in San Jose, Calif.

Roughly one-third of American households have personal computers. And that is a lot for a relatively short period of time. After all, home computers only took off less than a decade ago. But analysts say that gaining ground from now on will be more difficult because so many affluent households already have personal computers and the less-affluent ones resist shelling out \$2,000 or more for a computer.

The Dataquest report, based on a survey of 10,000 households, estimated that two-thirds of all the personal computers sold to households are bought by those with incomes of \$40,000 or more. Yet census data show that only about one in three households have incomes of \$40,000 or more.

Unless prices drop drastically, some experts predict, the personal computer will be unlikely to find its way into more than 40 percent or 45 percent of American house-

A Computer in Every Pot

'The biggest misconception people have is this chicken-in-every-pot notion of the personal computer," said Mary Modahl, an analyst at Forrester Research Inc. in Cambridge. Mass. "It's not going to be like the telephone and the television. It's not going to be ubiquitous any time soon."

Today's technology changes so rapidly some people are even talking about a \$500 Internet appliance - that any predictions about its future course must be tentative. Yet the trickle-down pattern already evident, with its potential to divide society into technological haves and have-nots, has raised concerns in Washington and elsewhere.

To address the issue, Congress included language in the recently enacted Telecommunications Act of 1996 that directs the Federal Communications Commission and the states to set rules requiring telephone and cable television companies to provide "universal access" to new services, like the Internet. After consulting with the industry and public-interest groups, the regulators are expected to mandate access and cut-rate service for schools and public libraries.

Public policy advocates are also pushing for inexpensive access to Internet services for residents in low-income neighborhoods and rural areas. The information highway, they say, has the potential to deliver everything from on-line literacy programs to health information to help poor families.

"But none of the promise of this new technology will come to pass unless the Internet is accessible to low-income communities as well as the wealthy," said Jeff Chester, executive director of the Center for Media Education, a nonprofit public policy group in Washington.

Wired Isn't Everything

Even those who are wired sometimes find that the whole experience falls short of its promise. Personal computers are now sold as if they were consumer appliances, but for many people they remain infuriatingly difficult machines to use. Telephones and televisions, after all, do not come with operating manuals that look tike doorstops.

A survey of 1,000 home computer users, reported in the current issue of PC World magazine, said that 41 percent of the respondents found computer manuals "so confusing, they may as well be written in a foreign language." And 31 percent of the people surveyed said they spent more time trying to figure out how to use their computer than using it.

The number of people tapping into computer networks is growing rapidly. Eleven percent of American households subscribe to an on-line service. The largest of those services is America Online, and its membership has grown tenfold in the last two years to more than five million. Steve Case, the president of America Online, is fond of saying that more people now subscribe to his on-line service than to The Wall Street Journal, USA Today and The New York Times combined.

It sounds mighty impressive. But, apparently, many subscribers are just experimenting with the new medium, and then rarely using it. An estimated 60 percent of America Online's subscribers are on the service less than five hours a month. By contrast, the average American household has its television on for five hours a doy.

For a medium that has set its sights on challenging television for consumers' time, the online world has a long way to go. As Gene DeRose, the president of Jupiter Communications, put it, "It's still too boring and too

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Percentage of households with each consumer electronic product in 1995.

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8ased on a survey by the Electronic Industries Association for the Consumer Electronics Manufacturers Association. In monthly surveys conducted randomly through 1995, a cumulative total of 25,000 adults were interviewed by telephone in all 50 states. Because each survey focused on different areas, the margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Taking a P.C. To the Toilet



Suffice it to say that Jackie Mason is not so crazy about the new technology. This is excerpted from the comedicat's one-man show on Broadway, "Love Thy Neighbor":

They tell you, "Oh, you have a computer - you can talk to people all over the world." People buy it. They buy it because of the publicity that you can talk to people all over the world. You can have 3,000 newspapers. You can have everything....

"Oh, I got a computer!"

"What do you do with it?" "I don't know."...

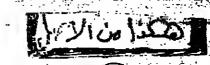
Imagine if the opposite was true. Imagine if everybody had a computer for \$9,000 and you were stuck by a table every time you had to learn anything or read anything . . . And all of a sudden somebody invented a whole new thing - a newspaper! You know what would happen? Everybody would say, "What an invention! A newspaper! For half a dollar you got the same thing!" Not only that, you can take it wherever you want to go. You can't take a computer to the toilet . . . You can take this wherever you want - wherever you want! The dog: he's about to go -- do you out a computer under-

All the geniuses with computers love to tell you you can talk to people all over the world if you're on line. Who wants to? You want to talk to people all over the world? People don't talk to the guy next door.... People are standing in an elevator - do you talk m anybody? A guy calls you up and he's got the wrong number -- do you start a conversation? Do you ever say, "Sure glad you got the wrong number!" You're gonns holler, "You got the wrong number!" And God forbid he calls you again: you think he's a stalker, you call the police,

People are nuts, you know that? ... They're crazy about computers... Last week a guy calls me: "I spoke to a guy from Siberia, a mountain climber from Siberia."... If a mountain climber from Siberia came over to your house and said, "Hello, I'm a mountain climber!" Would you say, "Come in, I'm dying to talk to you! All my life I wanted to talk to a mountain climber from Siberia! It's my greatest dream!"

It's the biggest fraud in the world. They also like to tell you you can make airline reservations all over the world. You ever see these nuts with the computers? "All over the world I can make airline reservations." The phone does the same thing - for a quarter you get the same information....

Did you ever notice that even they're computerized? . . So now you have to press buttons for an hour. ... Press 1 if you want to fly now, press 2 if you want to fly later, press 3 if you want to fly alone, press 4 if you want to fly with your sister, press 5 if it's your brother, if you're meeting your brother in law press 2 . . . if you want to press a pair of pants press 90 ... you're pressing and pressing for an hour and a half and then you miss the plane.



New Blood for Big Three

By ROBYN MEREDITH

WAYNE, Mich. UST over a year ago, Tammy M. Nedzweckas quit her \$10,000-a-year job as a restaurant cook and started working the night shift at a Ford Motor Company plant here, earning \$31,000 a year. Every minute and 15 seconds, she twists an air-conditioning valve cap on a Bronco or a pickup, slams the hood sbut and clambers up behind the wheel to drive the truck around the corner. Then she hurries back on foot to tighten the next cap.

Almost overnight, Ms. Nedzweckas (pronounced nez-WES-cus) escaped the clutch of poverty-level wages and grabbed a piece of the American Dream: a better life for her two children. "I can afford to have my own house — I can afford to have a reliable car," she exults. When her daughter was born last year, she collected five mooths of paid maternity leave.

Ms. Nedzweckas, 29, figures she walks 21 miles by the time she leaves the Michigan Truck plant at 4:30 A.M., and soon many others may be walking in ber shoes: For the first time in a quarter century, Detroit's Big Three auto makers are on a hiring spree. They are replacing a huge bubble of blue-collar workers who are reaching retirement age -people with strong backs who sweated on the production lines to lift their families into the middle class. But most of the new hires will have far more skills and schooling.

American auto makers will hire close to 170,000 factory workers in the United States by 2003, a study by the University of Michigan predicts. The jobs are coveted because they pay from \$25,500 to \$46,500 a year and up to \$70,000 with overtime. And there are enough of them to carry nearly three-quarters of a million people, the workers' family members, out of poverty.

The number of job openings, staggering in itself because the three companies together employ just 443,000 blue-collar workers in the United States, is all the more remarkable considering the neardeath of job opportunities in the industry in the 1980's and early 1990's. The General Motors Corporation, America's biggest company, went an entire decade without hiring a single production-line worker, before finally adding 4,000 in 1995. The oncetroubled Chrysler Corporation, the No. 3 auto maker, began hiring again in 1991. Ford, which is No. 2, did little hiring from the early 1980's until mid-1992. Now, the same companies plan to take on more new employees in less than seven years than the combined work forces of the Hewlett-Packard Company, the Coca Cola Company and the MCI Communications Corporation.

For the nation's workers, Detroit's search for new blood is heartening

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structured over the last 15 years, its employees bave suffered one setback after another, from mass layoffs to the flight of jobs overseas to wage stagnation:

As those with little education find their job prospects dwindling, landing one of these 170,000 jobs could be like winning the lottery: almost their only chance to escape a life of pov-

erty-level wages. But the hirlng drive is more than just a gateway to middle-class prosperity for Ms. Nedzweckas and her co-workers. It is also shaping up as a golden opportunity for the auto industry to bring on a new breed of worker, for just as tail fins have given way to technology and modern management techniques, production lines — and the skills needed to staff them - have changed drastically.

The Big Three have learned from the foreign car makers that set up shop in the United States. They have borrowed Japanese management practices, which emphasize teamwork and job flexibility on the factory floor as a way to improve quality. And oow that they are hiring again, they are putting quick minds ahead of strong bodies.

"At one point, we were hiring hands and arms and legs, and now we are hiring total people - with minds more important than the other," said Robert J. Eaton, chairman and chief executive of Chrysler. As a result, the Big Three are putting job applicants through a grueling selection process that emphasizes mental acoity and communication skills.

All three companies have contracted with HR Strategies Inc., a human-resources consulting firm in Detroit, to screen candidates. The firm checks their reading and math abilities, manual dexterity and understanding of spatial relations, said David P. Jones, president of the firm, a unit of the Aon Corporation of

Those who jump that first hurdle are tested for drug use. Then, for about three hours, applicants are put in groups of four to six and given a task to complete while two or three consultants assess their ability to work together. The group might be given a diagram of an assembly line, along with the duties at each of its job stations, and be asked to discuss how the process could be improved.

Or the applicants might be asked to assemble a car part, like a headlight, Each would learn the various steps in the process, and then the team would spend up to an hour building the lamps. They would then talk about ways they could do it better. HR Strategies rejects 5 to 10 candidates for each one who makes It into a pool of workers that General Motors, Ford and Chrysler pick and choose from, Mr. Jones said.

"Clearly, we are looking for attitudes," said John F. Smith Jr., chairman and chief executive of G.M. "Today, we are operating with teams.

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cause the nation's schools have declined even as factory jobs have grown more demanding. To help remedy that disparity, special programs have sprung up to train production-line job seekers. One of the most effective is run for inner-city youths in Detroit by a nonprofit group called Focus: Hope.

Those who sign up, many of them high-school dropouts, spend weeks taking crash courses in algebra, geometry, manufacturing theory and computer programming, then learning how to operate the computer-run metal-cutting machines found these days on factory floors. More than 1,000 students completed the 31-week program last year, and virtually all landed a job with the Big Three or one of the manufacturing companies that supplies them parts.

That prize is worth fighting for.

Jallon L. Kendricks, 23, just finished the course. Her last class took place day before she gave birth to a daughter, but her pregnancy didn't stop her from getting up at 6 every morning and driving 45 minutes across town to attend the classes.

Ms. Kendricks, who said she had weak math skills when she started, spent two and a half years in college studying criminal law. Yet she found that was only enough to get ber a job as a supermarket cashler making \$11,900 a year. Now she can hope to leap to a Big Three production line job that pays three times that much. 'It is so hard to get into the Big Three," Ms. Kendricks said during a recent break from classes. "You really have to have some kind of training to do anything - even a high school diploma iso't good ough anymore.

Management has high expectations of those who make the final cut. Charles A. Guastella, 25, was hired last June at about \$15 an hour to fill in for absent workers on the production line at the Ford plant next door, Wayne Stamping and Assembly. "I've got a different job every day,"

he explained, He has installed steering wheels and balanced tires. His most recent task took a couple of days to master: He guided the awkward movements of the robotic arm that lifts doors onto Ford Escorts and Mercury Tracers as they come down the line. Push the wrong button and a door costing several bundred dollars clatters to the factory floor. A generation ago, Mr. Guastella's predecessors slung the doors into place with their own muscle power.

As varied as his work is, Mr. Guastella isn't content to do it forever. Even though he has landed a job with better pay than the \$25,000 a year the average recent college graduate earns, be is studying part time so be can eventually move into management.

Workers say their new responsibilities are a welcome change from the mind-numbing routines of previous years. John M. Davis, 44, recalls

Hourly Workers at the Big Three: Facts and Figures

	1985	1995	Change
Total workers	823,133	442,708	-180,425 -29%
Average age	41.9	45.1	+3.2
Average years of service	15.3	19.4	+4.1
Workers with 30 years* Percent of work forca	40,560 6.5%	39,887 9.0%	-673

*Big Three hourly workers can generally retira with full benefits after 30 years of service. Source: Office for the Study of Automobile Transportation, University of Michaell

pound bumpers and help two other

men bolt them onto Ford LTD's and

Country Squire station wagons, 336

times a day. He weighed 168 pounds

the day he was hired, he said, but

added so much muscle that he

bulked up to 190 pounds in six

In those days, the mood oo the

factory floor "was us against man-

agement" he said. That was be-

cause, he added, "if you come to

work every day and you don't have a

sav in the way it is set up, you'll say,

'I'll show them, I'll let these cars

But that sort of resentment has

mostly melted away since Ford

"started listening to hourly employ-

ees," Mr. Davis said. Now, robots do

the heavy lifting, and many workers

must know how to operate the ma-

chines. Others might learn several

tasks - how to install seats, carpets,

windshields and headlights, for in-

stance. Some production line work-

ers program giant computer-rim

machines that precisely slice and

dice metal car pieces. That bas transformed the blue-collar jobs.

"Machines have taken the place of

the difficult labor of the past" so

fewer unskilled workers are now

needed, said Mr. Smith, the G.M.

Mr. Davis finds his job more satis-

fying these days. He is oow a tin-

smith at Wayne Stamping, where he operates sheet-metal-cutting ma-

chines to make parts and equipment

for the factory. "It is something dif-

ferent every day," he said. "It is a

little more challenging." As a skilled

laborer, he earns base wages of

about \$47,000 a year that can jump to

\$70,000 a year, or more, with over-

time - enough to put his daughter

through law school and leave him

stark contrast between the factories

of yesterday and the plants of tomor-

row. Twenty-three years ago, it was

usually a breeze to get hired by the

Big Three. Rainer Bell said all he

had to do to win a job at the Wayne

plant was to stand in line with other

ob seekers, sit through a 15-minute

brakes in 1974 Ford Mavericks. He

would sit on the door opening, pull hard with his pliers to catch a wire

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Still Opportunities

Evan with their work lorce axpected to shrink by 23,008, the Big Three will have added 167,819 workers by 2003.



cedure 45 times an hour for four years, going home so exhausted that he almost always went straight to Today, he is still an hourly wage earner, but his factory bas entered the modern world of worker empow-

erment. Mr. Bell works in a team.

out by himself, and his assignment is

from the brake and hook it to the car.

He performed the same simple pro-

to belp solve problems, not move metal. Recently, his group beard complaints from customers that the small back-seat windows of Ford Escorts popped open on their own. He discussed it with the window installer, trying to trace the cause. Within three weeks, after the worker was given an inexpensive contraptioo that helped to hold the glass, the problem was fixed. That saved the company the cost of repairing the windows of thousands of Escorts

ers frustration. Two decades ago, there were oo trouble-shooters among the Big Three's factory workers. Mr. Bell's oew job description is just one of many changes since then, and it illustrates how hlue-collar jobs are taking on a white-collar tinge. Starting wages outstrip beginning salaries for the companies' secretaries, which at Ford are \$22,000, and surpass the \$25,000 a year earned by the

down the road, and saved their buy-

average recent college graduate. Indeed, as production-line workers spend more time running sophisticated machines and suggesting ways to belp business, the combination of high wages and new responsibilities is attracting better-educated workers. At Ford, for example, 4.5 percent of those hired since mid-1992 have college degrees, compared with just 1.2 percent of those hired before 1987. Of G.M.'s 4,000 hires last year, 40 percent had taken some college

The emphasis on education reflects a national obsession with upgrading worker skills in an increasingly competitive global market. These days, a lack of education often means a dead-end career of flipping hamburgers at McDonald's at \$4.25 an hour. Labor Secretary Robert B. Reich recently sounded an alarm about the danger of America's predominantly mlddle-class society splitting into an educated elite and the uneducated poor.

"People who don't have high school degrees are falling off the charts - they are falling off the cliffs," Mr. Reich warned. "Their wages are plummeting. Their benefits are disappearing."

The Big Three's oew wave of workers will have a somewhat different look from previous generations. With more years of schooling behind them, the new hires will be a bit older, with their average age in the early 20's, compared with the late teens of a quarter-century ago, said David E. Cole, director of the Office for the Study of Automotive Transportation at the University of Michigan and an author of the university's study of projected Big Three hiring.

And because most jobs are less physically strenuous, more women unclear whether members of minorhiring, Mr. Cole said, because many inner-city schools, as well as rural of preparing studeots for the jobs.

G.M.'s hires last year were markedly different from the members of tend. its current factory work force. About a third were women, compared with there is no way that I should be 18 percent over all. Minorities made small gains, accounting for about a quarter of those hired, up from 23 last year. If he were looking for a joh percent of the current hlue-collar today, he said, he knows how he

All three American companies are er somewhere," he said

following the example set by the Honda Motor Company when it started producing cars in the United States in 1979. Honda carefully screened job applicants. Beyond just requiring them to have a high school education, it tested them to make sure that they could read the computer printouts detailing which features were to be installed in each car and that they could understand graphs illustrating quality shortcomines that were to be eliminated, said Joyce M. Kowal, Honda's manager of personnel services.

The success of the Japanese in turning out high-quality cars from American factories demolished the myth that the lemons that came out of Big Three plants were the fault of lazy or incompetent American workers. And thus it forced the American auto industry to re-examine its management philosophy and adopt theories that gave production-line workers more responsibility.

The result was a much more efficient industry and a higher-quality product, culminating in today's hiring blitz. For Mr. Cole, the University of Michigan specialist, the turnaround is evidence that any American industry threatened by foreign competition can remvent itself. "We have the capability to resurrect what seemed to be an over-the-hill industry and turn it into high-tech, knowledge-based" companies, he

Former union officials praise the Big Three's change of heart toward workers. "It eases the tensions that we used to have," said Douglas A. Fraser, the former United Automobile Workers union president who oow teaches labor studies at Wayne State University in Detroit "You get accustomed to solving small problems, it makes it easier to solve big ones." Current U.A.W. officials refused repeated requests for comment

But the new openness also poses a challenge to organized labor. Mr. Cole said the workers now closing in on retirement are among the U.A.W.'s most militant. As younger, more independent-minded workers are hired, he said, the U.A.W. "is going to be shaken to its very foundation by this transformation."

Mr. Fraser agreed that new more independent. "The workers raise more questions with the union as well as with management," he said. In the past, union members more quickly followed the lead of union officials, he said. "If you say we're going to run into the wall at noon tomorrow, they wouldn't ask you why, they would just do it," Mr. Fraser said. Management was viewed as the enemy: "It was us against them," he added.

Still, Mr. Fraser thinks the oew members' self-reliant attitude offers an opportunity for the union to strengthen the rank and file's allegiance. "If you can convince a member intellectually, then you've got a stronger union member," he said.

Mr. Bell, the Ford trouble-shooter will probably pass the physicals. It is cares less about the broad implications of the hiring boom and more ity groups will come out ahead in the about what it means to his seven children. He said the high school diploma he earned wouldn't be schools, may not be doing as good a enough to get ahead in the competiiob as their suburban counterparts tive 1990's, and he is determined to get his six sons and his daughter into college. The oldest three already at-

"With the education that I have, making this amount of money," said Mr. Bell, who earned nearly \$40,000 would fare. "I would be a dishwash-

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Sour Spring for Mr. Dole

The return of Congress after its spring recess was planned by Republicans as a season made for the leadership talents of Bob Dole. But it has not worked out that way. Instead of running the Senate like a fine machine, courning out legislative accomplishments. Mr. Dole stumbled last week through a series of fiascos that betrayed confusion and uncertainty about the direction he intends to lead his party and, if elected, the country.

If Mr. Dole's Presidential campaign is to get off the ground, he is going to have to lift his sights and deliver both a broad sense of direction and a commitment to practical results, even if that means standing up to the conservatives among his allies.

The biggest embarrassment to Mr. Dole came when the Senate rebuffed his attempt to load health insurance reform with measures desired by conservatives but certain to provoke a Presidential veto. Five Republicans joined with the Democrats to defeat the amendment, clearing the way for Senate approval of a clean bill to make health coverage portable for employees who lose their jobs. The health reform commanded broad bipartisan support as a modest attempt to address American anxiety in this era of corporate downsizing. A true sign of leadership would have been to reject the addon for medical savings accounts, which favor healthy people who are also better off economically.

Mr. Dole has also bungled his party's opposition to raising the minimum wage from \$4.25 to \$5.15. which appears to have enough support from Reoublicans to pass in both the House and the Senate. Angered by Democratic attempts to force a vote on the minimum wage and Social Security changes, he abruotly yanked from the Senate floor an immigration bill that also commands bipartisan support. Instead of demonstrating his control over the Senate, his actions showed that he did not know how to handle a rebellious Democratic minority that learned its guerrilla tactics aimed at embarrassing the leadership from the Republicans when they were in the minority.

This was also supposed to be a time for Mr.

sponsibility to keep Congress and the American

people informed. Now it compounds the offense by

suppressing the report of a White House agency that

about this whole matter, and the White House

should make every effort to cooperate instead of

withholding information. There are diplomatic and

intelligence aspects to the case that need public

examination. Congress, for its part, should provide

a streamlined review mechanism, perhaps joint

hearings by the foreign relations and intelligence

can diplomats if the United States would have any

objections to Iran's shipping small arms through

Croatia to Bosnia. The Bosnian Government, its

cities under Serbian attack, was prohibited from

buying arms by a U.N. arms embargo that the United

openly violating the embargo, secretly conveyed his

approval, while insisting to Congress that the em-

bargo had to be respected to protect allied peace-

keepers. Mr. Clintoo's decision helped Iran gain a

Iranian arms were visibly flowing toward Bosnia,

Mr. Clintoo, wanting to help Bosnia without

Within days of Mr. Clinton's secret decision,

The New York City Council Speaker, Peter

Vallone, announced last week that he was willing to

accept upcoming term limits for himself and his

members - as long as the Council could iron out a

few bugs in the system. Unfortunately, according to

Mr. Vallone's timetable, the bugs will not be eradi-

does not kick in for well over a decade is like a judge

who sentences a prisoner to be executed 50 years

down the line. The Council has been searching for a

way to cancel the results of a citywide term limit

referendum. Its leaders now admit that there is no

way to persuade the voters to repeal their decision.

Instead, they are hoping to settle for personal

limit for all city officials. That means everyone

elected that year must retire at the end of 2001,

including virtually the entire 51-member Council. A

near-complete turnover like that, Mr. Vallone says,

undesirable. That is one reason this page opposed

term limits from the start. A Council without expe-

rienced leaders would probably be relatively power-

less, undoing all of Mr. Vallone's efforts to make it a

serving. He wants to put a new referendum on the

ballot in November, requiring the next redistricting

In 1993, the voters approved an eight-year term

A totally inexperienced City Council is indeed

But the Speaker's solution is transparently self-

A politician who supports a term limit law that

Mr. Vallone's Faux Term Limits

Early in 1994, Croatia's President asked Ameri-

Congress, quite properly, wants to know more

investigated the legality of the episode.

committees in the Senate and House.

States opposed, but promised to respect.

foothold in Bosnia.

cated until around 2010.

would cause "absolute chaos."

more effective branch of government.

exemptions.

Stonewalling on Iran

When the Clinton Administration secretly ap- with Iran Air planes unloading weapons in Zagreb

proved Iranian arming of Bosnia in violation of a under Croatian military guard. The Central Intelli-

United Nations embargo two years ago, it made a gence Agency reported on the traffic and Congress

policy blunder and slighted its constitutional re- was briefed on it, but the Clinton Administration did

Dole to display his foreign policy maturity with a speech outlining his position on China. But he seems well on his way to equaling President Clinton's own record of unfortunate vacillation on that issue. There was the odd spectacle of Mr. Dole conferring with President Bush, who announced that it was important to renew China's favorable trade status despite its human rights and nuclear proliferation record. Mr. Dole has long embraced that view, but after the meeting he announced that he was rethinking his position. The exercise did not strengthen confidence in Mr. Dole as a man of conviction.

Against the heavy themes and emotions of Mr. Clinton, Mr. Dole has long described himself as "a doer, not a talker." Between now and the Republican convention in August, he may have little choice but to spend much if not most of his time in the Senate, since his campaign has run low on funds and he does not receive the next installment of Federal subsidies until after the convention. There is also now clearly a debate in both Mr. Dole's and Mr. Clinton's campaigns over how much value would be derived by both from a grand compromise on the Federal budget, the one big issue Americans seem to care about most.

Mr. Clinton says he wants a budget compromise but will not gut welfare. Medicaid and Medicare to achieve it. Now that Mr. Dole has defeated Phil Gramm and Patrick Buchanan, he has less to lose within his party by pushing it to compromise with the White House on budget issues, including modest cuts in these entitlements. We have argued that both sides would have a lot to gain from a compromise, since they are close in the amount they want to save. For Mr. Dole, accepting measures that may fall short of the radical agenda of conservative Republicans he once courted for the nomination would bring real progress in the drive to balance the budget.

The financial markets would be cheered and both Mr. Dole and Mr. Clinton could be doers as well as talkers. Right now, Mr. Dole seems to be neither.

not disclose that It had approved the assistance.

Congressional intelligence committees of any cov-

ert operation meant "to influence political, econom-

ic or military conditions acroad, where it is intended

that the role of the United States will not be appar-

apply in this case because the United States played

only a passive role in the Iranian arms shipments.

But even the accuracy of that assertion is in doubt.

There are indications that American diplomats

nelped clear passage for convoys containing the

Iranian arms through Croatia to Bosnia, though

they may not have specifically known weapons

led to an investigation by the White House Intelli-

gence Advisory Board to determine whether any

laws had been violated. That report apparently

found no illegality. But the Administration will not

make the report public or allow the board's chair-

man, Anthony Harrington, to testify about its con-

provoke an extended Congressional inquiry and to

make the Iran arms an issue in the Presidential

commission to come up with a plan for staggered

Council terms, and would postpone the term limits

sion will not be created until after the 2000 census.

Elected officials would then get to run in two more

elections, allowing some incumbents to remain in

year's newborns enter high school is not what New

York voters had in mind when they endorsed term

limits by 59 percent to 41 percent. While many

critics, including this page, believe term limits are a

faulty remedy for unrepresentative government,

they are less troublesome than doing an end-run

it could avert the original term limit referendum

through court challenges. As a result, the issue was

never really debated in 1993. The Council would

certainly be within its rights to call for another vote

so the issue could be discussed more fully, or to ask

the public to extend the City Council term limits to a

he should come up with a plan now for staggered

terms, and ask the voters to approve it this Novem-

ber. If that task is beyond the Council, the city will

have to accept whatever confusion comes with

abiding by the public's original directive.

But if Mr. Vallone is worried about continuity,

The City Council believed - incorrectly - that

around the results of a city referendum.

The catch is that the next redistring commis-

Keeping the present City Council until this

law until that plan went into effect.

office until 2008 or 2010.

more reasonable 12 years.

campaign. Full disclosure is the wiser course.

White House stonewalling is the surest way to

The C.I.A.'s discovery of the arms shipments

ent or acknowledged publicly."

were aboard.

tents under oath.

The law requires the White House to notify

The Administration claims that the law does not

Woe if Chinese Turn Energy Gluttons Like Us

Re Thomas L. Friedman's "Gardening With Beijing" (column, April 17): It seems that President Clinton is aware of the environmental dangers of a modernized China. If a billion Chinese become as energyprofligate as the average American. the world's finite energy reserves will decrease at a more frightening rate than they do now, and the products of their consumption will polson

the atmosphere. There is a corollary to this idea that Mr. Friedman bypasses. Our leaders on the right and the left invoke "growth" as the solution to our economic difficulties. However, a significant aspect of growth is the sale of manufactured goods abroad that consume energy. The solution to one of our pressing problems thus has a depressing downside. If the free-market gurus have a way out of this dilemma, I would like to know CHARLES R. COWLEY what it is. Ann Arbor, Mich., April 17, 1996

To the Editor: Thomas L. Friedman (column. April 17) quotes President Clinton as saying to President Jiang Zemin of China: "The greatest threat to our security that you present is that all of your people will want to get rich in exactly the same way we got rich. And unless we try to triple the automobile mileage and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, if you all get rich in that way we won't be breathing very well."

Exactly, except that tripling the gasoline mileage is a misleading goal. The Government's corporate average fuel efficiency (CAFE)

mileage standards have been in force for 20 years; their effect has been to increase vehicle miles traveled and to increase car numbers in excess of the rate of human population increase.

Gasoline consumption has increased steadily since these standards were imposed because the standards have tended to reduce the cost of fuel.

The United States has almost 40 percent of the world's automobiles and trucks. They consume 20 percent of the world's oil supply and produce a disproportionate share of green-

house gases. There is much that should be done. Legislation should be sponsored to remove driver's subsidies. Property and sales tax yields should be sequestered so that they could be used only for the legitimate needs of local government - not for traffic signals, traffic officers, accidents, repair and



maintenance of roads and highways. These costs should be paid by driv-STANLEY HART Altadena, Calif., April 17, 1996 ers.

Trickle-Down Liberty

To the Editor: "Commerce and Diplomacy" (editorial, April 13) rightly points out the inadequacies of the Clinton Administration's "commercial diplomacy" policy of promoting American trade and investment in the hope that democracy will follow.

The "trickle-down liberty" policy has not only failed to achieve results. it has also produced the opposite

With China, the policy has allowed an increase in human rights abuses. That judgment is based on the State Department's recent reports of Chi-

More embarrassing is the policy's failure as a job-creation strategy. While executives from Boeing, Chevron and AT&T are escorted by United States officials to expand their markets, back at corporate headquarters, preparations are made to reduce workers' salaries, benefits and job security, or simply to cast them off.

Tens of thousands of high-paying. high-skill American jobs have been threatened or eliminated. Winning foreign contracts and promoting United States exports does not necessarily translate into more jobs and a higher standard of living for Ameri-

Ethanol's Value Wins Bipartisan Support

To the Editor:

As the president of the trade association representing 45,000 workers in 53 ethanol plants across the country, I take issue with your April 16 front-page article on Senator Bob Dole's support for ethanol subsidies.

You state that "for years, Government studies have questioned ethanol's value," and cite a 1986 Department of Agriculture report as evidence. But that report has since been repudiated by the agency, and more recent studies have promoted the economic and energy benefits of the ethanol incentive program.

For example, a 1995 Department of Agriculture study concluded that the ethanol program increases net farm income more than \$700 million annually. Another 1995 study determined that "the production of ethanol yields 25 percent more energy than is used in growing the corn, harvesting it and distilling it into ethanol."

With regard to the environmental effects of ethanol, you cite only a Congressional Budget Office report, which was neither intended nor able to provide policy guidance on air quality issues. Ethanol adds oxygen to gasoline, which redoces exhaust missions of ozone monoxide. Because ethanol adds octane to gasoline, It also reduces the use of toxic, petroleum-derived oc-

The support for ethanol is bipartisan. The reason is that public policy makers have gained an appreciation for its benefits. ERIC VAUGEN Pres., Renewable Fuels Assn.

Washington, April 16, 1996

To the Editor:

An April 16 front-page article casts a shadow on ethanol as a gasoline additive, and thereby the subsidies used to support its production. However, since ethanol burns more cleanly than gasoline, its use as a fuel additive should not be discredit-

It is indeed true that combusting ethanol produced from starch crops like corn yields only slightly more

energy than the amount required to produce it. However, it is more efficient and environmentally sustainable to make ethanol from cellulosic crops like grasses and trees.

Until recently, this was difficult to do. But the discovery of special enzymes, yeasts and bacteria, combined with the development of more efficient operating processes, means that in the near future it should be possible to produce ethanol from celbiosic biomass commercially. As measured by the criteria called

"energy balance," or the ratio of energy produced to energy used, corn is probably only just over 1. meaning the benefits are relatively small, although with best practices it can range up to 1.5. The fossil energy balance for ethanol from "power crops" is much better, probably between 4 and 5, and for producing electricity from power crops it is even greater, perhaps 10 or more.

Blindly subsidizing agriculturally produced ethanoi is a questionable practice. However, directed subsidies to help the industry move away from corn and toward cellulosic biomass would be more environmentally sound. DIANA L. SYLVESTRE San Francisco, April 16, 1996

Habeas Revision Is Just and Reasonable

To the Editor:

Re "Wrong Way to Recall the Bombing" (editorial, April 18): The majority of this nation's prosecutors would disagree with your contention that antiterrorism legislation heading for President Clinton's desk "is not primarily aimed at terrorists but at shredding the doctrine of babeas

The habens reform section, the heart and soul of the antiterrorism legislation, would not deprive any prisoner of the right to a habeas

It simply would place some reasonable limits on the exercise of that right and end the present charade in which many death-row prisoners have evaded imposition of their judicially imposed punishment for up to a dozen years or more: How lone should victims' families have to wait for the final chapter in their agony? Habess reform alms to insert

ber and time for appeals in such MICHAEL P. BARNES South Bend, Ind., April 18, 1996 The writer is president of the Nation-

some reasonable limits on the num-

How to Achieve Remembrance of Holocaust

To the Editor: .

Re Clyde Haberman's April 16 column on debate over the growing number of Holocaust museums: As a Holocaust survivor, I believe that memory is short-lived without a context. The next generation cannot understand the Jewish meaning of Shoah without an appreciation of the culture the Nazis sought to destroy.

It is heartening that the Living Memorial to the Holocaust-Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City will tell a more complete story about the Jewish people. It is to be hoped that visitors will come away knowing not only about Hitler but also Hiffel. not only Mengele but also Maimonides, and not only Bormann but also-

FANYA G. HELLER New York, April 17, 1996

To the Editor: Re Clyde Haberman's April 16 colump on debate on Holocaust museums: We who know the importance of teaching the lessons of the Holocaust often forget to distinguish

between remembering this event

at District Attorneys Association.

and the ways we learn to remember. To be taught in ways that prevent us from distinguishing between allies and enemies, or identifying us with a culture of death instead of a culture of life, or preserving a constant sense of isolation and dread, is an insult to the murdered we can no longer afford to keep silent about. Judaism is a vibrant force in society, and while we must never forget the past, we must never let it prevent us from living in the present

BARRY JOSEPH New York, April 17, 1996

Avoid User-Unfriendly Computerized Library

To the Editor:

Your April 15 Business Day article on the computerization of San Francisco's public library indicates that such a procedure can be done without damage to the library's normal functions.

That is not the case with the New York Public Library. The Mid-Manbattan Library and the branches bave adopted a computerized catalogue system that is confusing and cumbersome. The user sometimes has to go through three screens to find where a book is shelved.

This contrasts with the system long in use in the main library, which gives the call number of a book after only one screen.

In addition, the Mid-Manhattan Library has too few computer terminals. There are always lines of people waiting to use one, and terminals are frequently out of order.

Thus, I learned with dismay that someone at our library bas made the decision to throw away the book catalogues that classify all the books in the collection by titles, authors and

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subjects. As I pointed out to a library employee, this means no one can locate a book when the computer is down, and makes it impossible for anvone unskilled at the library's computer system to find a book.

Moreover, everyone has to wait several minutes or longer to gain access to a terminal, while the book catalogues were always accessible. "Well, there are some disadvantages to it, I guess," was the employee's

Why is the library spending much of its limited resources on a project. that makes it more difficult to use THOMAS HOOSLER New York, April 18, 1996

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Bob Grant's Listeners Got a Different View

To the Editor:

To the pleasure of some, the radio talk show host Bob Grant was dismissed (news article, April 18). Many others like me feel that we lost an individual who offered a different perspective on today's topics.

Whether you agreed with him or not, he offered a viewpoint that is seldom heard in the media today and that balanced those of the other hosts on WABC-AM, so that listeners got the full political spectrum.

Many may not have always agreed with what Mr. Grant had to say, but he did not yield to political correct-M. VARANO Hoboken, N.J., April 18, 1996

Security at Fordham

To the Editor: While the attack on a Fordham

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University student is horrifying enough, it is appalling to read the remarks by the university's director of security that "it did not have anything to do with Fordham University" because it "did not happen on campus" (news article, April 15). If the rape and beating of a student one block from campus does not constitute a security concern for the university, what else needs to happen before it acknowledges the reality of

ABIGAIL JUDGE New York, April 15, 1996

nese human rights abuses.

VICTOR MENOTT! Program Coordinator, International

Forum on Globalization San Francisco, April 17, 1995

Foreign Affairs THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

No More Carrots For Assad

The best way to understand what the fighting between Israel and the pro-Iranian guerrillas m south Lebanon is all about is to think of it like this: Israel is about to have an election (May 29) and the whole Middle East is trying to take part in the campaign.

Those who cannot vote directly in the Israeli election are trying to influence the outcome by tugging the Israeli public in one direction or another, using either violence, rhetoric or diplomacy. Yes, Israel is having an election and everyone wants to come — Hamas, Hezbollah, Iran, you

Middle East expert Stephen P. Co-hen notes that "for decades the basic Arab perception of Israel was that It didn't matter who ruled, because, the Arabs argued, both major parties in Israel had the same basic attitude toward the P.L.O. and the occupied territories. Only their styles and language were different. But that is no longer the case. The Arabs and Iran understand very clearly that Israel is now standing before a major choice. There are real differences between Labor and Likud, and the Arabs and Iran want to shape that choice.'

Those Arab states that, np to now, have been rather quiet about Israel's massive retaliation against Hezbollah, want to see Shimon Peres reelected, because they know be will keep the peace process alive. Iran and the radical Arab and Palestinian forces want to see Likud Party leader Bibi Netanyahu elected because they believe he will kill the peace process and keep the radical dreams of the. Muslim extremists alive. The militant fundamentalists have not been able to cajole, pressure or persuade a single Arab Government m break existing relations with Israel, so now they'retrying to get the Israeli public to do it

Whether Iran, Hamas, Hebzollah & Company will be successful in totally disillusioning the Israeli people about peace depends on Syria. It depends on . whether Syria will give the militants room for troublemaking from Lebanon, or whether Syria instead will make them irrelevant, by standing up and showing that Syria's commitwhisper in Warren Christopher's ear.

The U.S. can't sweet-talk Syria into peace.

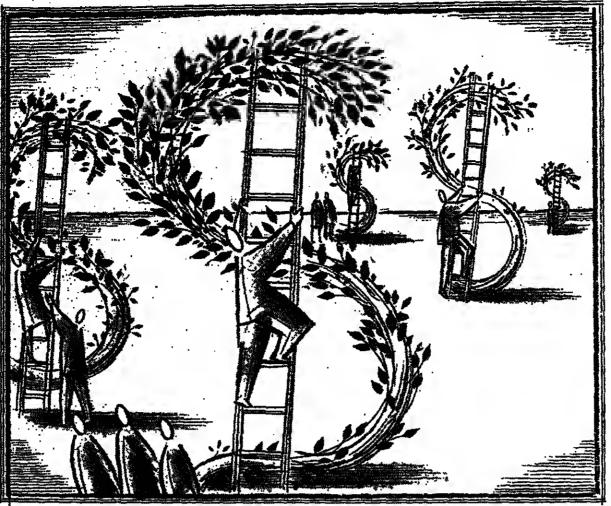
Up to now the Syrians have opted for troublemaking, and lots of it -- so much so that it's now safe to say that the Clinton Administration bas completely misread Syria. Syrian President Hafez ai-Assad bas played the Americans (and Israelis) for fools.

The Clinton Administration's Syria policy has been based on two assumptions. The first was that President Assad had made a strategic decision to make peace with Israel, and all that remained was to work out the terms. The second was that even if Mr. Assad was slow in concluding peace, it was worth it for President Clinton to go to Damascus and pay court to him, and it was worth it for Secretary Christopher to visit Damascus 17 times, because that would keep President Assad "sweet" and insure that be wouldn't undercut the peace process through his proxies in the West Bank, Gaza and Lebanon.

Wrong. Mr. Assad not only balked at making progress with Israel, but he allowed an Islamic Jihad spokesman in Damascus to publicly take credit for a suicide bombing in Jerusalem last month and he allowed Hezboliah (which cannot operate without the tacit approval of Syria's 35,000 troops in Lebanon) to steadily increase its rocket attacks on northern Israel untit Israel retaliated massively.

One only hopes that on Mr. Christopher's 18th visit to Damascus he finally explains to Mr. Assad that if Syria is not going to be part of the solution then the U.S. will treat Syria as part of the problem, no better than Iran. Mr. Assad only wants to take responsibility for peace once he has all of his Golan Heights back on his own conditions. Until then, he tells the Americans, he is not going to pay any price in terms of his relations with iran or Hezbollah, by cracking down on them. Mr. Assad's position makes perfect sense. What's crazy is that the

U.S. tolerates it. It is true that only Mr. Assad can turn off the fighting in Lebanon, just as he allowed it to be turned on. But what isn't true, what has never been true, is the naïve American notion that Mr. Assad will do it if we offer him enough pleasure, if we offer him enough "inclusion" in the peace process. This is not about pleasure. Mr. Assad does not deal in carrots. He deals in sticks. This is about pain. And it has been shocking to see the pain that has recently been inflicted on Lebanese and Israelis, but until Mr. Assad starts feeling a dose of that pain none of it's going to end.



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It's Not a Wage Gap But an Age Gap

By W. Michael Cox

DALLAS

ongress appears bent on raising the minimum wage in an attempt to accomplish by legislative flat what many claim the economy can no longer do on its own: give lowincome workers a bigger piece of the pie. What legislators perhaps don't understand is that if poor Americans can gain entry into the work force, even at low wages, they usually move up the economic ladder.

The 20 House Republicans who have joined Democrats in calling for raising the minimum wage are apparently swayed by endlessly repeated popular myths: The rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer; the middle class is going nowhere; today's twentysomething b seekers are destined to be the first Americans in history not to live as well as their parents.

Census Bureau data seem to verify this pessimism. In 1994, the latest year available, the bottom fifth of households earned just 3.6 percent of the nation's income and saw their share of the wealth fall from 4.2 percent in 1975 to 3.6 percent. The top fifth, meanwhile, received almost half of the nation's income, up from 43.7 percent in 1975. After adjusting for inflation, the income of households in the lowest fifth rose only \$87 from 1975 to 1994. The top tier, mean-

Why the hourly minimum could · hurt the working poor.

while, gained \$25,934.

Yet the doomsayers ignore an important economic fact: Inequality is not immobility. The Census Bureau's static snapshots of income distribution don't gauge Americans' ability to move up the economic ladder. The actual people in each percentile change from one year to another.

To gauge opportunity in America, it is essential to track individuals in the tabor force or those trying to join it (people 16 and older who are working, unemployed, laid off, in school or retired) and to follow them over a period of years, capturing the ups and downs in their income.

The University of Michigan's Panel Survey on Income Dynamics has done exactly this, providing the longest-running record of Americans' earnings. In 1968, it began collecting detailed information on 50,915 people of all ages and income groups, and it compiled data through 1991.

The study gives a startlingly optimistic picture of economic mobility. Take those who were in the bottom fifth of all earners in 1975. The conventional view would lead us to believe that these people were probably worse off in the 1990's. But the Michigan study found that only 5 percent were still in the bottom fifth in 1991.

More remarkable, 80 percent of the bottom fifth in 1975 had made it tinto the top 60 percent of earners middle class or better - over that 16year span. And 29 percent rose to the top fifth. This evidence suggests that holding low-income jobs is largely a transitory stage for people with little work experience.

How mobile are Americans? Of the Michigan group, less than 1 per-

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cent of those in the lowest fifth in This in part explains the apparent 1975 remained in the bottom 20 perdiscrepancy between the Census Bucent every single year until 1991. reau's figures and the Michigan Nearly a quarter of those in the study. There is an income gap, but it bottom tier in 1975 moved up the next driven more today by the steepening year and never returned. More than earnings of workers as they age. It's not that the young are worse three-quarters of those in the lowest fifth in 1975 spent at least one year off; it's that older, more experienced among the top 40 percent of income workers are doing much better. earners by 1991. Those who can stay in jobs aimost

The poor in the Michigan sample also made dramatic gains in annual income. Those who started in the bottom fifth in 1975 saw their average annual income Increase by \$25,322 by 1991, adjusted for inflation. Among 1975's top 20 percent of earners, the increase was only \$3,974.

ut not just the poorest workers from the 1970's did well. Among second-poorest fifth, more than 70 percent had moved to a higher bracket by 1991, with 26 per-cent making it to the top 20 percent. From the middle fifth, almost half managed to raise their incomes. And a third of the people from the secondhighest group made it to the top bracket.

What about the rich of 1975? Some fell to lower tiers, most likely because they retired or were laid off from high-paying jobs. Even so, nearly two-thirds of the group could still be found in the top tier in 1991. Less than I perceot plummeted to the bottom.

The Michigan study isn't the first to look at individuals over time and find strong evidence to contradict the myth of a society sapped by declining opportunity. The Treasury Department reached a similar conclusion in a 1992 study. In analyzing tax returns from 14,351 households, it found that 86 percent of those in the lowest fifth in 1979 moved to a higher group by 1988. Two-thirds of these people reached the middle 20 percent or higher in just nine years, with almost 15 percent making it to the top fifth of income earners.

Not only do the statistics show that our economic system is blased toward success, but also they teach an important lesson about staying mobile in the economy of tomorrow. If people get into the work force - at any tevel - and stay there, they will likely be rewarded. There is a permaneot underctass, but it consists for the most part of people who drop out of the work force entirely

Getting people into the work force has taken on a new urgency in the postindustrial economy. Lifetime earning patterns have changed substantially. Traditionally, a worker's income rose rapidly in the early years of working, peaked in middle age, then fell as the worker eased toward retirement. But over the past four decades, earnings have been rising more sharply as workers age.

According to the Labor Department, in 1951 workers reached their peak earning years from the ages of 35 to 44. The average annual income of individuals in this group was 1.6 times the income of those from 20 to 24 years old, and slightly greater than that of workers between 45 and 54. By 1993, the peak earning years shifted to ages 45 to 54, and these workers earned almost 3.1 times more than the those in the 20-24 age

der workers are doing better because the economy has shifted toward services and technology: brain power can continue to expand long after muscle power bas begun to falter. Thus as the country retools itself for a more knowledgeintensive era, workers are increasingly rewarded for what they've learned in the workplace. Earnings for those with experience rise sharply, and the gap widens between youth and middle age.

Liberties

MAUREEN DOWD

Kafka on Madison

Someone must have been telling hes about M., for without having done anything wrong she was defamed one fine morning. Who could these people in block suits be? Why wouldn't they occept her proof of innocence?

'This is sheer nonsense!" M. told the irresponsible gossips, whereupon they odvised her to change into something black.

Whot outhority could they represent? They had come from B.

Barneys has been so rattled by Bergdorf-envy, bankruptcy and had press, its attitude has metamorphosed from hip to menacing, avant to authoritarian. You'd think the soigne emporium

would be busy with important things, like that little matter of the \$600 million it borrowed from the poor Japanese and spent the way its own customers would. But, no-o-o-o, there's still plenty of time for recreational vengeance.

"Barneys plays hard ball," says Jennet Conant, who wrote a scalding piece about the garment district Borgias in the new Vanity Fair, "The Pressmans have always expected people to play along and be quiet because they are so powerful. Barneys is getting so spooky, I'm afraid to shop there anymore. They're driving me back to Bergdorf's."

My own hell began on April 11, when I saw a New York Post Page Six headline; "Dowd in dither over discount denial." The gossip item said I had gone into Barneys and cruised the Prada counter "where accessories often go for \$700 and more." I had "set my sights on a handbag from the spring collection," but when it came time "to fork over the cash," I "balked," demanding a discount. "The cierk politely refused," and so I "blew up."

Mistaken identity? No, it tooked as if somebody was framing me. I called Mr. Page Six, Richard Johnson, who once modeled for Barneys. He referred me to his colleague who wrote the item, Jeane MacIntosh.

I told Ms. MacIntosh the story was illogical. A Barneys clerk, intimidat-So why Is Coogress talking about ed? Bargain hunting in Barneys? Anyway, the vixen in the trenchcoat economists of all stripes agree that could not have been me. I don't own a even a 90-cent increase would reduce trenchcoat. I wouldn't be caught dead in Prada. And I had not been in New York in weeks.

sands of jobs over the long term? Ms. MacIntosh, who aileged this class the very people whom the raise happened on April 2, was unmoved. She stuck with the unnamed witnesswould purportedly help; the inexperienced. It is the kind of help poor es she described as a fashion reporter and three Barneys employees.

Women's Wear Daily reported that Page Six put a private detective on me. My spy at Page Six said the detective failed to dig up a shuttle or Metroliner ticket. The shamus reported back that I didn't have a Visa card. I have two.

"Maybe we should put you in a lineup," Mr. Johnson said, "Are you going to say that you're being persecuted by a sleazy tabloid journal with no regard for truth, gross negligence and sloppy reporting?" (Nah.)

Barneys was also scaring me. After my January column tweaking the store for its snooty ways, someone went into the Barneys computer and leaked the record of my purchases to Page Six. This time around, I asked Barneys if I could face my accusers, but the store would not satisfy my craving for justice.

A respected editor in New York told me the same campy tantrum story had been peddled to him by a Barneys flack. The flack, of course, denies it.

Before I'd writteo a word, Barneys seot a letter to The Times denying responsibility for the item in The Post and asserting that The Post had confirmed its story.

Mr. Johnson called this ctalm of confirmation "probably unfortunate

How I became a fashion victim.

phrasing," What never happened cannot, of course, be confirmed.

I decided to investigate my own whereabouts on April 2. I came up with good news and bad news, The good news was that I had an alibl. The bad news was that my alibi was Strom Thurmond.

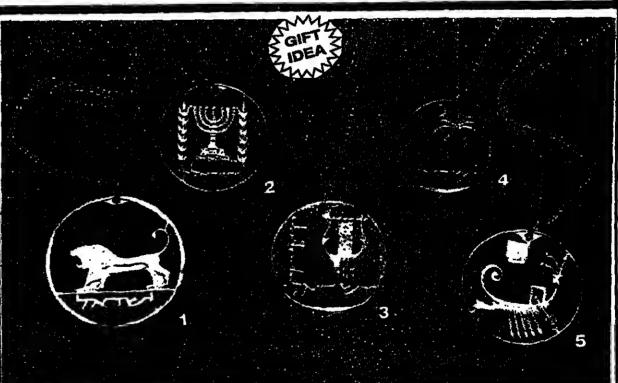
'My records show that you were here and you do have pretty red hair." the 93-year-old Senator said,

I asked Michael Kelly of The New Yorker if he recalled our lunch at The Irish Times, His statement: "Oh, yeah, after lunch we went to the Price Club, where Maureen demanded a 75 percent reduction on a set of radial tires. Pirelli, I believe."

The Times researcher Barclay Walsh says I tormented her all afternoon for help on a column on Bob Dole's thighs.

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By PHIL PATTON

HE Cadillac of minivans," John Travolta calls the Oldsmobile Silhouette he drives in the film "Get Shorty." As smooth talking as a car salesman, by the end of the movie he has convinced a big Hollywood star, played by Danny DeVito, that a vehicle lambasted by Consumer Reports for its technical mediocrity and derided in car magazines for "Dustbuster styling" has its own virtues. The punch line: The Hollywood star ends up buying one.

Just as that star was sold on the Silhouette, Hollywood is increasingly being sold on cars' usefulness in telegraphing something about a movie's characters. Audiences immediately get the sborthand notion that Mustangs mean macho independence and that Volvos signify respectability because those are the images that automobile advertising gives to those cars.

'The car companies spend a lot of money defining their markets and demographics," says Norm Marshall, who runs a product placement firm that represents BMW, Volvo and other car makers. "The film makers basically take advantage of that positioning to establish their characters."

Particularly with today's fastpaced films, which leave less time for establishing characters' personalities and motivations, cars offer a quick way to provide a wardrobe of types, a palette of social standings and personal obsessions. Such are the subtle gradations of meaning cars take oo these days that, like actors, they can become characters in themselves. Movie viewers laugh at the incongruousness of a Hollywood star driving a pedestrian vehicle like an Oldsmobile minl-van. And they feel superior to the two hoods in "Fargo" (Peter Stormare and Steve Buscemi) who agree to kidnap a man's wife in exchange for some cash and a forlorn-looking Oldsmobile Cutlass Ciera.

Oldsmobile surely wasn't thrilled with the use of its mini-van in "Get Shorty." A model already on its last legs when the film came out, the Silhouette will soon be replaced by a new version. Indeed it was exactly because the mini-van - in the film, the only car available at a rental agency - wore such an air of haplessness that audiences found it funny when Mr. Travolta's character, Chill Palmer, glibly compared it to a Cadillac.

On the other hand, when Sally Field arrives in a square Volvo wagoo for the wild children's birthday party Robin Williams is giving in "Mrs. Doubtfire," advertising and viewer experience have already created an Image. The vehicle immediately casts Ms. Fleld's character as ty conscious, if not downright up-

Likewise, in "Basic Instinct," Michael Douglas, in his detective's-salary Mustang, struggles to keep up in a car chase with the expensive and powerful Lotus, a femme fatale of a car, driven by - who else? - Sharon

The Chevrolet El Camino - half car, half pickup - that Harry Dean Stanton drives from California to Texas in the 1983 Wim Wenders film "Paris, Texas" is close to the perfect objective correlative of the existential country-and-western character he plays in the movie. In fact, the appearance of a big, older American car is a sure signal that we are about to see a road film. Make it a convertible - the Ford Thunderbird in "Thelma and Louise" or the purple Cadillac in "True Romance" - and

When a Mustang zooms into a

film, there's no doubt the driver

is macho.

the car says: we're open to anything; oring on the adventure.

When a character changes cars in a film (just as wheo a character changes his wardrobe), that signals Character Development, Take a look at "Father of the Bride Part 11." Io it, Steve Martin's character is shown in an exotic sports car when he is trying to feel and look younger; after he discovers that he and his wife are about to become parents again in middle age, he is shown driving a more domesticated Jeep sport utility

Although cars most often play supporting roles, their appearance can underscore the film's main theme. In the Coeo brothers' "Fargo," a series of murders centers on an Oldsmobile dealership - the epicenter of square America - and the burnt umber Ciera the killers drive appears as wan as the lives and landscape depicted. The villain of the film (played by William H. Macy) is a car salesman wno bullles customers into paying extra for the "true coat" rustproofing they don't really need; his deceptions in the end prove just as ineffectual a surface treatment.

In "Flirting With Disaster," David Russell's new farce of mistaken identities, the important vehicles are identical white Tauruses (both rentais) that are confused at a crucial plot point. ("Does anyone really own a white Taurus?" one character

The Taurus, the best selling car in America for several years running, is so ubiquitous that Hollywood can

on its symbolism. When Harrison Ford is called to the White House in "Clear and Present Danger," he arrives in his Taurus station wagon, reminding us that he's just an ordinary suburban guy who happens to work for the C.I.A. (In the same film the Columbian drug lords drive Range Rovers.)

Not all cars that appear on films are canny choices meant to portray character - or become sight gags. Some cars, like BMW's Z3 roadster in the recent James Bond film "Goldeneye," are treated as if they were the stars of the films. (As a result, the Z3 roadster is now backordered.) This despite the fact that the car appears in the movie for only a few seconds.

Those few moments on screen can act like mini car commercials. Automobile manufacturers have been benefiting from their film roles since the Keystone Kops drove Model T's back in silent film days. The Bruce Springsteeo song "Cadillac Ranch" cootains a hall of fame of car images from films: James Dean's 1949 Mercury (which he drove in the 1955 film "Rebel Without a Cause"), Burt Reynolds's Trans Am from "Smokey and the Bandit" (1977).

The appearance of the Alfa-Romeo in the 1967 movie "The Graduate," many an auto buff will tell you, kept that car going in the American market for more than a quarter of a century, until the Italian firm bailed out of the United States last year after steadily declining sales.

Even though some cars appear oo screen because they say something special about a character, or, in fact, become a character, other cars turo up because of deal making - just as sure as E.T. followed a trail of Reese's Pieces instead of M&M's. The most publicized appearances of vehicles in film these days are a result of product placements that involve joint promotional efforts by car companies and film companies. Once the film makers decide that they need, say, a sports car, they can play off the agent for Ferrari against the agent for Lamborghini. In essence, they are casting the part while looking for the best business partner. These deals, when they work properly, sell both films and

Increasingly, the studios are looking at parallel promotion from car companies - like that from fast food chains - to help swell ticket sales. Mr. Marshall claims that advertising, promotion and associated publicity from the BMW tie-in he arranged for "Goldeneye" added millions to the film's earnings.

The first such big-car tie-in was probably "Days of Thunder," the Tom Cruise stock-car racing film from 1990 that Chevrolet used to promote its Lumina model Despite the film's mediocre reviews and failure to draw much of an audience. ring comparatively subtle changes "Days of Thunder" still nelped



Chevrolet sell cars. (It didn't hurt that Tom Cruise and the car appeared together in the posters.) In fact, Mr. Cruise had already helped promote Porsches in an earlier film, the 1983 movie "Risky Business," although few people reading the script for that film would have been enthusiastic about having their luxury vehicle appear in a movie about a college kid who becomes a pimp in his suburban house while his parents are away on vacation. Today a number of auto executives speak of the appearance of the Porsche in that film as close to Ideal movie

Mr. Cruise's character, after a series of comic misadventures, ends up submerging his father's Porsche which doesn't sound good. But in the ensuing scenes, not only does the film include, verbatim, the ad line There is no substitute for a Porsche," but a scene in the dealership shows the customer receiving careful and polite attention, a rare positive treatment in film of car salesmen.

Appearing in the right film, Mr. Marshall says, can have more impact "than being on 10 Motor Trend covers."

But note those words the "right ...

MANANA

BY MATT GAFFNEY / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

film." At weiss, the executive in charge of publicity and marketing for Mercedes-Benz North America, who supervises placements in film. is not always pleased with the way his vehicles are depicted.

"We are looking for nice upscale placement," Mr. Weiss says, "niceguy car appeal — i.e., we wouldn't always like it to be the Mafia staff car." One of his cars is incinerated by an angry wife, played by Angela Bassett, in "Waiting to Exhale"; Mr. Weiss, for one, is more pleased with the romantic ambiance lent to several Mercedes models in the recent remake of "Sabrina."

Pearls Meet Pratfalls

By JAMIE DIAMOND

Los Angeles HE has the fresh-faced look of a 1950's Radcliffe grad: good bone structure, great sboulders, a natural athlete. Someone a fellow could go skiing with who wouldn't complain about the cold. Both gorgeous and game, Téa Leoni is the kind of girl a Philip Roth character would go crazy for.

fn the new film "Flirting With Disaster," a road comedy that turns up deranged families in all the wrong places, Ms. Leoni appears with Ben Stiller, Mary Tyler Moore, Lily Tomlin, Alan Alda and Patricia Arquette. Reviewing the film in The New York Times, Janet Maslin said that Ms. Leoni "shows off a sleek resemblance to Annette Bening and fine comic style.'

In the film, Ms. Leoni, 30, plays Tioa Kalb, the earnest and wildly inept former dancer and adoption counselor who accompanies Mel Coplin (Mr. Stiller) on his quest to find his real parents. Needless to say, the neurotic and married Mel goes crazv over her.

Ms. Leoni's comedic style harks back to the screwball comedies of the 30's and 40's, when there were glamour pusses aplenty to take movie pratfalls. Sure, Roseanne or Whoooi Goldberg may do great falls, but Ms. Leoni falls differently. And not just because she wears high

The only daughter of a corporate lawyer father and a nutritionist mother, Ms. Leoni grew up in Englewood, N.J., and New York and attended the Brearley School in New York and the Putney School in Vermont. She plays golf and wears

"I have learned in my life that the world is very shocking, and I find it funny to watch a character who is shocked by everything she comes into contact with," she says. "I've always appreciated what it feels like to try to hold your head up and maintain your grace when you are faced with something completely not what you had in mind."

She could be speaking about her

Téa Leoni -She never took an acting class.

After dropping out of Sarah Lawrence to live on St. Croix, in the Caribbean, and then spending time on Cape Cod wind sailing and playing tennis, she auditioned for and won a leading role in a new, 1988 series based on "Charlie's Angels" that was never broadcasi. The audition was done on a dare; she was so inexperienced she read aloud the stage direction ("beat") - and managed to hold up her head whea everybody laughed.

"I've always admired actresses who had a certain graceful poise. like Lucy," Ms. Leoni says. "She had a dignified body language that could tell you what her mouth and hair were screaming."

Though she never took an acting class, she won small roles in movies like "Wyatt Earp" (1994) and "Bad Boys" (1995). She was also cast in two sitcoms, "Flying Blind" (which ran for one season) and this year's "Naked Truth" (now on hiatus at ABC) in which she stars as a former society wife who must support herself by working as a tabloid photographer. Ms. Leoni is happiest in those fish-out-of-water situations in which her character is hoisted by her own high-mindedness.

"I grew up in an extremely academic and intellectual atmosphere."

she says. "So the idea that the power of your intellect could, should and would control the outcome of a simation is a familiar one. That does imply a bit of arrogance. But nothing is more fun than laughing at an arrogant human being having the rug pulled out from under them."

While the women with plump lips or no underwear know they are sexual, and they know you know they are sexual, Ms. Leoni, who is divorced, appears unaware of her beauty. She has a drop-dead deadpan manner. Chris Thompson, who is the producer of "The Naked Truth" and also lives with Ms. Leoni, has likened her to a "dirty Disney character."

Ms. Leoni savs: "I have always been able to keep a straight face and know I am provoking laughter in the room. But I wasn't the funny one in the family. I wasn't the class clown. To say, here's the new comedic talent still seems very foreign to me,"

And yet, as Ms. Moore notes, 'She's got spunk. That was the line that Ed Asner said of me in the first episode of 'The Mary Tyler Moore Show.' He said: 'You know what, kid? You've got spunk.' And I looked smug and pleased with myself. And then he said, 'I hate spunk.'

Luckily for Ms. Leoni, the rest of 91 Slangy greeting the world doesn't seem to agree.

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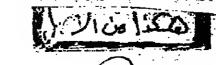
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Heavy sentence for taking bribes

in the Supreme Court, sitting as a Court of Criminal Appeals, before Justices Eliezer Goldberg, Eliyahu Mazza and Ya'acov Kedmi, in the matter of Tikva Kfir. appellant, versus the State of Israel, respondent (Cr.A. 3854/95).

Tikva Kfir, an employee in the Beersheba traffic licensing office, was authorized to issue driving licenses to qualified applicants. She accepted the suggestion of one Gila Videvsky, an official in an Arad driving school, to issue licenses to unqualified persons in return for payment. Over some seven months she issued fake licenses to 12 persons. Some had failed their driving test a few times and some had not even applied for a license in the ordinary way.

There were also others the issue of whose licenses was suspended for non-payment of fines. In each case Yidevsky received NIS 3,000-NIS 4,000. keeping some, and banding some to Kfir. Videvsky was charged in the Beersheba District Court with hribing Kfir.

Following a plea bargain with the presecution she admitted her guilt, was convicted, and sentenced, at the prosecutor's request, to three months' imprisonneat commuted to community service. Kfir was charged with accepting bribes, and fraud and breach of trust, under sec-tions 290 and 284 of the Penal Law of 1977.

The prosecutor informed the court at the outset that the plea bargain with Videvsky was based on the assumption that she would he able to assist the prosecution in tracing corruption on the part of other employees in the licensing office. That assumption, he said, proved to be mistaken, and he also conceded that Videvsky had approached Kfir and tempted ber to accept the hribes. He submitted, nevertheless, that Kfir's crimes were extremely serious tence, although Videvsky's light

ASHER FELIX LANDAU sentence should be taken into

account when punishing Kfir. Kfir was convicted. In regard to sentence, the District Court held that Videvsky was the main culprit," and also referred to the rule that offenders involved in the same crime should generally be treated in the same way. On the other band, not only was Kfir a public servant who had accepted bribes, but she had endangered the community by issuing driving licenses to persons unqualified to receive them. It therefore sentenced her to nine months' actual imprisonment, 18 months' conditional imprisonment, and a fine of NIS

5,000. She then appealed to the

Supreme Court against the sen-

JUSTICE MAZZA delivered the first judgment of the court. Kfir'a counsel, be said, had emphasized the rule of the nniformity of punishments for offenders involved in the same crime. He had also stressed that it was Videvsky who bad laid temptation in Kfir's path. He bad also relied on Kfir's personal and family circumstances, that she had lost all ber rights in the public service, and that the serious depression that had overtaken her could become permanent if she were imprisoned.

He beld, nevertheless, that although Videvsky was the prime mover in what happened. Kfir's crime was the more serious. Citing precedents, he ruled that in cases of corruption among public "servants the defendant's personal circumstances had to yield, and sentences of actual imprisonment were necessary to deter others from similar conduct. He was sure the light sentence imposed on Videvsky was taken into account by the District Court. The sentence of actual imprisonment imposed on Kfir struck a correct halance, in his view, between the gravity of ber conduct and her personal considera-

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For the above reasons Justice Mazza proposed that the appeal be dismissed. At the same time he drew the prison authorities' attention to Kfir's personal plight, which should be taken into account in regard to the conditions of her imprisonment. Her mental state should also be kept under review to enable her to receive the necessary help during that period.

Justice Kedmi concurred.

JUSTICE GOLDBERG dissented. In his opinion the principle of the uniformity of punisbments had no place in the present context. Videvsky was convicted of giving bribes while Kfir was convicted of accepting them. There was a wide difference between the two, and the damage to the community.

Citing precedents, he agreed with the rule that the correct penalty for a public servant who accepted bribes was actual imprisonment. However, as in all cases of passing sentence. there were exceptions to the rule, and this case was an exception. Where actual imprisonment would bring the defendant to breaking point, his interests sbould be preferred. Even where sentences of actual imprisonment were called for, the principle of "thou shalt live by them" should be applied.

The probation officer's report made it clear there was a real danger that Kfir would be unable to withstand imprisonment. Punishment was not intended to break an offender. He proposed, therefore, that the appeal be allowed, and the sentence altered to one of six months imprisonment commuted to community service.

In the result, and by majority decision, the appeal was dis-

Suzy Shalev appeared for Kfir, Arye Peter, assistant state attorney, appeared for the state; and Hanna Etkis appeared for the Probation Service. The judgment was given on March 14,

Ships that helped launch a state

The North American role in Aliva Bet is recalled by **Murray Greenfield**

HE War of Independence started long before May 15, 1948, It really started with the efforts to bring Jews to Eretz Yisrael

Though there had been many calls for unlimited Jewish immigration to the British mandate in Palestine before the Holocaust, the British never allowed these calls to come to fruition.

Then, at the conclusion of World War II, Aliya Bet began with its efforts to bring Holocaust survivors to Palestine in every way possible. North American Jews played a special part in this. Seven of them even gave their lives: one was

murdered by the British on the ship Exedus 1947 and six others died in the War of Independence. Many of the aspects of Aliya Bet have become legendary. However, the key role played by North American Jews - who purchased and sailed ships used in Aliya Bet - is less known.

From August 1945 until January 1, 1948, some 69,560 Holocaust survivors were smuggled through Europe in the underground Beriha operationand then put on ships manned by some 240 North American Jewish volunteer sailors. This immigration embarrassed the British to

such an extent that they nimed to the UN for guidance and the UN responded by taking the mandate away from them. On February 5, 1946, a newly formed company wrote the first check to buy ships with money

the Jewish Agency had raised in the US. Dewey Stone, a very active Zionist and a successful textile manufacturer, signed the \$110,000 check. The idea of forming a company to legally pur-

chase each ship was the result of a discussion by the Hagana personnel operating in the US -Yaakov Dori and Danni Schind - and their American partners - Captain William Ash, who helped recruit other Jewish sailors, and Morris Ginsberg, of the American Foreign Shipping Lines.

The Hagana had wanted to set up a clandestine operation as it had done in Europe and Palestine, but the Americans claimed it was possible for the

Hagana to operate legally in the US.
On January 31, 1946, Eliezer Kaplan, who later became Israel's first Finance Minister, established an investment fund for Stone to administer. Although Stone was not responsible for the fund's losses, he guaranteed Kaplan that he would do his best and would submit regular



Some American volunteers who worked on behalf of immigration to Palestine are seen in Cyprus in front of the British Guard Station. The article's author is at far right.

By February 4. the money was in the bank and only Stone's signature was needed to release it to the Caribbean Atlantic Shipping Company.

Some 15 other checks, totaling \$740,000, were used to purchase a total of 10 ships under the names of 10 different companies, such as FB Trading and Western Trading. These ships ferried to Israel almost half of the immigrants who came in Aliya Bet.

The ships all had foreign registry, not American, even though they had been purchased in the US. This was necessary because none of the ships could have passed the stringent American inspection for seaworthiness. Moreover, the crews were comprised of volunteers, many of whom didn't have a sailing license

or proper training. The real success of the operation was that it caused the British to mm to the UN for help. The UN responded by endorsing the November 1947 partition plan, which paved the way for the cre-

ation of a Jewish state. The writer was a member of the Hatikva crew and coauthored The Jews' Secret Fleet.

Prevent woolens from becoming a moth's lunch

TOW that Pessah is over, it is time to put away our winter woolens.

This most generally involves some measures to protect winter clothing from moth damage and the commonest way to do this is by the use of chemical sprays or naphthalene-based moth balls.

Neither is pleasant to use and some are toxic; moth-preventive sprays contain CFCs that are believed to be the principal cause of depletion of the ozone layer around the earth that protects all life on earth from damages by blocking excess ultraviolet rays from the sun.

But there is an alternative to the use of these materials that is safe, pleasant to use and leaves no smelly residue on clothing and other woolens while protecting them from moth dam-

The system begins with remembering that once things are put away in a closed place no new moths come to lay eggs. What happens is that the eggs of the moths are already there, they hatch and the emergent generation of larvae are what

eat holes in the material. So the problem is not so much one of protection against future intruders but of eliminating the hatching of those that are already there and one of the simplest and safest ways to do this is by freezing them.

This can be done in any bome freezer. Just clear a space in the freezer, which does not bave to he too hig, where you can freeze packages.

Put the laundered, sun- or at least fresb-air-dried woolen garment or material into a plastic bag, express the excess air and seal the bag completely with a good sealing tape. Put this packet into the freezer at its normal temperature for deepfreeze and leave it for 48 hours, remove and store but do not open it until autumn or winter when you take these items out of storage. The moth eggs will be killed by the freezing

This means that you need not have a very large space in your freezer, only large enough to accommodate the largest garment or blanket you want to treat. Freeze a few items every 48 hours until you've emptied your closers of woolens and have gotten everything ready

for storage. This system is also perfectly safe for hooks, even leather- or silk-bound volumes. Just put them in a bag and freeze them to get rid of book worm, moths or book lice. You can then take them out of their bag and return

GEOFFREY WIGODER

ROF. Moshe Davis, who died this month in this month in Jerusalem, was a dynamic academic, constantly brimming with original ideas. He made a wealth of contributions to Jewish life both in Israel and in the Diaspora.

Born in 1916 in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn, be first made his name as a boy cantor. He was ordained at the Conservative Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, of which he became

provost in 1950. While there he was responsible for a number of innovations that stimulated American Jewish life. One of these was the Ramah camps, which pioneered the Jewish summer camp network in the US. Another was the semioary's "Faith" TV series - the first regular Jewish broadcasts on a national network.

Moshe Davis was driven by a

deep love of Zion. As a student he came to the Hebrew University where, in 1937, he was the first American to receive a doctoral He returned in 1956 to establish the university's Institute of Contemporary Jewry. His concept of the need for such an institution coincided with the thinking of then-president Binyamin Mazar and rector Natan Rotenstreich and they invited Davis to Jerusalem. where he made his home.

With an overall vision of his goals and an uncring eye for young talent, he built up an outstanding faculty and the institute. the first of its kind, became an example for similar projects else-

While he coined the academic discipline of contemporary Jewry, the institute was based on an interdisciplinary approach - combining history, demography, education and sociology with special departments for the Holocaust. Zionism and regional studies. He also introduced two departments



Prof. Mosbe Davis: An innovator for American Jewry and a noted Zionist.

that were firsts in the Jewish world: oral history and a Jewish film archive.

the establishment of America-Holy Land studies, which has proconcerning the relationship of the US (and later of other countries) to the Holy Land. Davis. who was appointed professor of American history and institutions, was a popular teacher beloved for his sense of humor and cheerful opti-In 1965 he founded the Study

One of his favorite projects was

Circle on World Jewry in the Home of the President of Israel, which met regularly during the terms of office of presidents Shazar, Katzir, Navon and Herzog and led to a series of challenging publications, edited by Davis.

As a noted Zionist ideologist, Davis was deeply involved in the affairs of the World Zionist Organization and founded its project for academic seminars on Zionist thought, with the participation of groups of Jewish intellectuals in many countries.

Davis made yet another major contribution when he founded and headed the International Center Jewish Civilization. This has stimulated and coordinated the teaching of Jewish subjects in universities around the world, suggesting curricula and producing textbooks. The center is in contact with

more than 1,000 institutions of higher learning with courses on Jewish civilization. Davis's most recent book was Teaching Jewish Civilization which synthesized a global Jewish view to higher edu-He was responsible for bundreds

of publications, in which his constant collaborator - as in everything else - was his wife, Lotte. Davis's goal was an Israel-Diaspora symbiosis based on sep-arate but complementary Jewish identities reaching out for each other and based firmly in knowledge, study and deep love of the

Jewish people.

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Damages in North at NIS 70m.

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

SINCE Operation Grapes of Wrath began on April 11, the northern region has sustained more than NIS 70 million in direct and indirect damages. according to Income Tax

Commissioner Doron Levy.
The hundreds of Hizbullah Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanon have affected more than 1.100 homes and public and agricultural buildings in the North, causing more than NIS 20m. in

direct damage.

The agriculture industry alone has sustained NIS.3m. in damages...Shops and hotels in the largely abandoned northern cities including Nahariya and Kiryat Shmona - have lost more than NIS 50m. in revenue.

The milk that spoils and the food that a caterer prepared for an event that was canceled as a result of the attacks are all calculated in the indirect cost of the operation," said Sarit Giladi, spokeswoman for the Income Tax Commission.

Yoran Eventsur, spokesman for the Kiryat Shmona Municipality, could not confirm the figure, say-ing only that the operation should

be carried out until quiet can be restored to the city of 23.000 res-

In response to the fighting, the Income Tax Commission bas doubled the ceiling for payments for indirect damages, not including workers wages, from NIS 2,000 to NIS 4,000.

The commission has also given employers and independent workers from the confrontation areas an additional week to file their income tax reports and payments, moving the deadline back from April 22 to April 30.

The deadline for yearly income tax reports has been extended one month to May 31, and residents of the confrontation areas will have until May 15 for other claims and payments - including damage assessment reports and the payment of fines.

The Customs and VAT Authority also announced it has extended the deadline for payment of VAT taxes until April 30. and is offering reductions and a special payment program for businesses in the confrontation

Bank of Israel raises interest rates by 0.8%

Commercial banks follow suit

THE Bank of Israel yesterday announced it is raising its key lending rate by 80 base points, to 14.8 percent, effective Thursday.

Two months after it last raised its discount rate, from 13.7% to 14.0%, the central bank yesterday cited new indications of inflationary pressures as the reason for its decision to further tighten its

monetary policy.

Over the first three months of the year, the cost-of-living index rose 2.8%, a pace which would result in an annual inflation of 12%, well above the government's declared target of 8%-

An expanded money supply - which last month rose by 3.8% accelerated demand both in the private and the public sectors, and a further increase in the current account deficit left Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel little choice but to raise the price of

credit again.

Speaking to Israel Radio,
Frenkel said that, despite the recent hikes in the central bank's rates, real interest rates - namely the nominal price of credit minus

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the level of inflation - has recently been on the decline. As for the government's infla-

tion goal. Frenkel said time is still sufficient for it to be attained through corrective measures over the remainder of the year.

Meanwhile. Manufacturers'
Association President Dan

Propper reiterated his long-standing view that Frenkel's policies have failed, saying cheaper credit would ultimately narrow the current account deficit and reduce

overall inflation.

However, Tel Aviv University economist Prof. Haim Ben-Shahar supported Frenkel's move. dismissing Propper's suggestion that interest rates bear no impact of inflation and asserting that the deficit stems from over-consumpoon rather than the credit policies.

Lower interest rates might have expanded exports, but would also have accelerated demand, said Ben-Sbahar.

Ben-Shahar's view carries special weight, since be is considered a confidant of Prime Minister The Bank of Israel itself

declined to address Propper's specific arguments, saying only that debating with him would be futile, since "he always calls for rate reductions regardless of economic circumstances."

The Histadrut said interest rates should only be raised within the framework of a comprehensive package of economic measures. Galit Lipkis Beck adds: The five major banks announced yesterday they will raise their prime lending rates 0.8 percentage points on Friday in response to the Bank of Israel's rate hike.

All the banks said they would raise their prime lending rates from 15.5% to 16.3%. The banks said the other interest items would remain unchanged.

In response to the central bank's rise in interest rates, Propper called for Frenkel to admit the failure of his monetary policy.

The Bank of Israel's policy has not succeeded in reducing inflation, but as a result, it has led to a widening of the balance of pay-

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Dispute resolved between Bezeq, Makefet A long dispute between Bezeq and the Makefet pension fund has been resolved after the telecommunications company's management agreed to transfer NIS 180 million to the fund in payment for Communications Ministry workers who moved to Bezeq in 1984.

The agreement, which must still be approved by Bezeq's board of directors, eliminates another barrier in the way of the international stock issues planned by the company, Bezeq director-general Visital Research eral Yitzhak Kaul said. The agreement makes it clear to potential investors that the financial commitment will not be a burden on its books or affect its profitability.

FIBI, Menorah to establish pension fund
First International Bank, its parent company FIBI Holdings, and
Menorah Insurance yesterday announced plans to establish a
new pension fund. It will be named Shiluv Pension Fund.
This is the first fund that will be jointly managed by a bank and
an insurance firm. Menorah has a 50% stake in the fund, FIBI
25:1% and First International 24.9%. Mordechai Herskovitz.
deputy general manager of Menorah, was appointed chairman and
manager of Shiluv. Shiluv will offer two pension options, one that
places a high emphasis on the savings component and the other places a high emphasis on the savings component and the other with an emphasis on the insurance component. Galit Lipkis Beck

KLA transfers final royalty payment to BIRD KLA Instruments this week transferred a final royalty payment of NIS 5.5m. to the BIRD Foundation for its assistance in

developing its KLA 5000 series.

The California-based KLA develops equipment used in monitoring the manufacture of silicon wafers for the semiconductor industry. BIRD-F has been involved in supporting the Israeli division of KLA since 1986 and has received a total of NIS 11m. in royalties to date.

BIRD-F general manager Dan Wilenski said the fund was proud "to take part in the success of a product which has become a world leader in this field," adding he expected further cooperation in the

A group of Vietnamese hawkers squat on the roadside yesterday in front of a billboard advertising the construction of a new and luxurious resort complex. With the influx of foreign investors following economic reforms introduced in the late 1980s, the need for international standard hotels and leisure centers has risen sharply.

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Gilo: Scitex's largest shareholders trying to maintain control over company **GALIT LIPKIS BECK**

SCITEX'S largest shareholders are attempting to maintain control over the company by preventing the majority of sharebolders from changing the composition of the board and having a say in the company's affairs, claims hightech entrepreneur Davidi Gilo in a letter sent to Scitex chairman Dov Tadmor at the end of last week.

The letter came in reaction to Tadmor's letter to Scitex shareholders which discusses Gilo's hostile attempts to take over the company and claims Gilo's plans are intended to serve his financial interests ahead of the other share-

Gilo's letter was also sent in reaction to the purchase by

Scitex's four largest shareholders

— International Paper Company. Clal Electronic Industries, Discount Investment and PEC Israel Economic - of more than a million shares of Scitex in the open market last week. These purchases seem solely

designed to thwart my offer, or for that matter any offer to purchase Scitex," Gilo said. "It is a clear attempt to perpetuate control over the company by creating a blocking position in terms of voting control of Scitex.

"If the group is successful, it could effectively prevent the

majority of shareholders from changing the make-up of the board and thereby from having a say in the company, its direction and ownership.

"Worse yet, by engaging in this creeping tender offer," the group is depriving all of Scitex's other shareholders of the opportunity to receive an appropriate premium for their shares, either now or at any time in the future, without paying any premium them-

In related news, Furman Selz has recommended investors purchase Scinex shares, for the sec-

ond time in two weeks. According to analyst Robert Feinblatt, Scited Digital Video (SDV) division revemies will grow 20% in 1996 to \$100m.

Commenting on Gilo's potential takeover of the company Feinblatt said that "if the current suitor [Gilo] were to disappear, we see maybe \$2 in downside to the shares, while a potential \$8-59 in muside exists from current levels, in our view, based on a potential spin-off or take-over scenario.

"As a result, we believe longterm value oriented investors should buy the shares aggressively on weakness if a pullback were to materialize due to a vanishing SUITOL."

McDonnell Douglas signs \$400m. in deals with local defense contractors

STEVE RODAN

HAIM SHAPIRO

MCDONNELL Douglas has signed \$400 million in deals with Israeli defense contractors, more than half of its offset agreement for the IDF's purchase of the F-15L a senior company executive

said yesterday. Robert Trice Jr., McDonnell's vice president of business development, told the Israel Management Center that his company is looking for long-term partnerships with contractors here rather than simply purchasing products from them as part of the offset agreement.

"There are very few countries that McDonnell Douglas sees as important strategically to its future," Trice said. "One of them is Israel.

In 1993, McDonnell pledged to purchase \$780m. in Israeli goods as part of its more than \$2 billion sale of F-15Is to the IDF. Trice said the first jets are to arrive in Israel at the end of 1997.

Trice said a dozen Israeli companies are already direct suppliers to McDonnell. They include Israel Aircraft Industries' Lahav division, which is a partner in a

ELAL yesterday reported a rise in

annual net profits to \$15 million

from some NIS 14m. in 1994.

marking the 10th year in a row in

which the national airline ended

Profits from only flight activi-

The company also pointed out

According to El Al spokesman Nachman Klieman, the gap

between the operating profit and

the net profit was largely the

result of the fact that the airline

acquired five Boeing 747s during

El Al subsidiaries showed an

Company general revenues rose

17.5% to \$1.217m, from

increase in net profit to \$2.7m.

the last two years for \$550m.

ties went up to \$11.9m. from \$6.4m. in 1994.

that the operating profit last year

rose to \$35m. from \$15.7m.

in the black.

from \$1.4m.

bid to upgrade 435 T-38 trainer

Elbit and Rafael are working with the US defense contractor to develop the supply the Dash Helmet and Python missile respectively to McDonnell's F-

Israel is also one of 11 nations involved in a McDonnell project to develop the MD900 Explorer, a new airplane.

In the civilian sector, an Israeli consortium is working with McDounell to develop solar energy in a project to begin this year. In another project, MadahCom, a small Israeli firm, is working with McDonnell to adapt military communications to develop a commercial public address sys-

Trice said that during his cur-rent trip he will meet with defense officials, as well as local contrac-

He stressed that he did not have "a major business agenda" on this trip, including reports that he would try to convince El Al to purchase McDonnell's civilian

\$1.035m., while expenses went up

16% from \$1.020m. to \$1.182m.

flown rose 18% from 2.477 million to 2.929 million. The compa-

ny flew 210,000 tons of cargo last year, 6.6% more than in 1994.

According to the company, this was the second year of the government's liberalization of air pas-

senger traffic, during which it

competed with 40 scheduled car-

Airline occupancy rose from

New routes during the past year

included a flight to Milan and non-stop flights between Los Angeles and Tel Aviv.

The company also began using

Stanstead Airport in London and

Newark Airport near New York as

a result of increased flights to

London and New York.

riers and 60 charter companies.

72.4% to 73.8%.

The number of passengers

Friedman: Banks had authority to charge kibbutzim higher rates

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

COMMERCIAL banks had the authority to charge the kibbutzim current accounts with higher interest than the agreed-upon interest for delay rate, Prof-Daniel Friedman said in the first chapter of his legal opinion report concerning the kibbutz debt crisis

The report was commissioned by Bank Hapoalim and Bank Leumi in reaction to the Procaccia Report on kibbutz debt, which alleges that the commercial banks miscalculated charges to kibbutzim over many years.

Priedman, an Israel Prize winner for jurisprudence, is considered a legal specialist in contracts and company law.

In the first chapter, Friedman examines Proceccia's claims that the banks overcharged the kibbutzim by moving their linked loans into current accounts to avoid limitations on interest charges and to charge the kibbutz-

im interest for delay rates. According to Friedman, the kibbutz movement's signing of the initial debt arrangement in 1989 legally implies they cannot demand that the bank's re-examine their accounts or make complaints against the bank's method of calculation in the period in

In addition, he says the bank's failure to complain to the banks during the relevant period is an indication that they agreed with the bank's interest calculations.

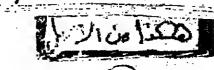
Last week, economist Daniel Sidon, who was also commissioned by the banks, submitted his own opinion on the Procaccia

Report.
Sidon's report concluded that there is no economic significance to Procaccia's claims, due to the banks' and government's widespread write-offs and debt scheduling of kibbutz debt

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Precious metals closed mixed

COMMODITIES ROUNDUP

PRECIOUS metals closed mixed on Friday, with June gold futures trading steady to mixed in a dull session on COMEX, analysts

News that the IMF (International Monetary Fund) will likely agree on gold sales to belp relieve debt in Third-World countries would represent a sbort-term bearish

May silver elosed slightly lower in an extremely nervous market, analysts said.

Sources said people are looking for silver prices to drop to near \$5.00 in the coming weeks. July platinum futures closed high-

er, on the back of some strong producer-buying support, analysts said. Meanwhile, June palladium

futures closed lower in a generally featureless market. At the close, June gold settled 30 cents higher at \$392.70, while

May silver settled 1.0 cent lower July platinum settled \$2.30

higher at \$404.30, while Jane palladium closed \$1.25 lower at \$133.90 May high grade copper futures

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closed sharply higher on Friday on COMEX, as strong fund buying continued May copper's recent raily, pushing May futures to close up 240 points at \$1.23. Wheat and corn took opposite

paths on Friday, with wheat clos-ing higher on Fund buying and corn closing sharply lower as it was hit by profit taking. At the close, May corn futures

per bushel, while May wheat futures closed up 71/2 cents at \$6.08 per bushel.

Soybeans tumbled near Friday's close, pressured by profit taking. Fund selling picked up and buy-ing was scant throughout the day, as soybeans traded weaker for most of the session.

Soy products also saw very thin trade. Soybeans closed weaker, pressured by ideas the market was overdone on Thursday's rally.

May Soybean futures closed 131/2 cents weaker at \$7.993/4 per bushel.

May conton futures settled lower on Friday after late speculative selling entered the market. Sources reported light volume.

May ranged between 83.85 and 84.50 cents before settling 9 points lower at 84.23 cents. The balance of contracts settled

5 points higher in October 1996 to 130 points lower in October 1997. First notice day for the May contract is Wednesday.

World sugar futures settled

slightly lower after a subdued session following Thursday's collapse on technically motivated

fund liquidation. The July contract settled 4 points lower at 10.58 cents – up from the session low of 10.55

cents. The May contract settled 6 points lower at 11.09 cents. Coffee futures settled lower on Friday after seeing choppy play on the May-July switch in nearly

the same range as the market traded on Thursday. The July contract settled 55 points lower at \$1.1830. The May

contract settled 65 points lower at \$1.1815. Cocoa futures settled lower on

speculator selling prompted by a bearish quarterly US cocoa grind number, traders said.

The July contract settled \$20 lower at \$1,335, while the May contract settled \$17 lower at

Courtesy of Michael Zwebner, CommStock Trading Ltd.

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Kantor: Japan must open up its'sanctuary' markets

WASHINGTON (Reuter) - New US Commerce Secretary Mickey Kantor said Japan continues to maintain excessive barriers against US-made goods that he said must be brought down.

They still have sanctuary markets," Kantor said on CNN's Evans and Novak program. We're going to open those up."

Kantor, who moved from the position of US trade representative to replace the late Ron Brown as commerce chief, emphasized that he considered progress was

being made since a so-called

Fayed

brothers

may float

LONDON (Reuter) - London's

landmark Harrods department

store may be floated on the stock

exchange for as much as £1 bil-

lion, according to a report in The

Egyptian Fayed brothers, were

considering plans for a flotation.

A Harrods spokesman said the

report was speculative.
"We are not going to feed

rumors, nor engage in specula-tion," the Harrods spokesman

The Sunday Times said the idea

of floating Harrods, a vast store

which ranks as one of the leading

shops in the world, came to the

Fayeds after they saw the valua-

brother, Ali, are thought to have

been impressed by the valuation

that Harrods' near-neighbor, Harvey Nichols, will achieve

when it goes public shortly," the

for Harrods' owner, House of

other Fraser stores while enlarg-

Holdings reported pretax profits

of £70.9m. for the year to January

The brothers paid £573 million

They subsequently floated off

As a private company, Harrods

"Mohammed Fayed and his

tion of one of its rivals.

Fraser, in 1985.

It said the store's owners, the

Sunday Times.

framework agreement was reached in mid-1993 for Japan to import more US goods.

He said US exports to Japanese markets have risen 85 percent since that time, or about 21/2 times more than US exports have risen to other parts of the world. In response to questions, Kantor also strongly defended the North

American Free Trade Agreement with Canada and Mexico, insisting it has created jobs and added

political stability to Mexico. We grew 291,000 jobs in just two years as a result of NAFTA - only lost 52,000 and only 17,000 were related to trade to Mexico." Kantor said.

"It stabilized the Mexican economy, kept investment there," he

"This [Mexican] situation would have been a lot worse... had we not had a NAFTA."

On the domestic front, Kantor said he favored raising the US minimum wage not only to inject more money into the economy but also to aid social reform.

"How can we ask people to go off welfare - which we won't

even reform - unless we raise their wages above the poverty level? It makes no sense," Kantor

The minimum wage currently is \$4.25 hourly and there is a proposal before Congress to raise it

The commerce secretary said he anticipated US interest rates will stabilize and that there will be no significant downturn in financial

Corporate profits are on the rise, Kantor noted, adding "We're

New UK Sunday paper launched in crowded market

LONDON (Reuter) - Britain's first Sunday newspaper devoted entirely to business was launched yesterday in an already crowded media market.

The launch of Sunday Business was bedevilled by problems, with its London printer withdrawing at the 11th bour and reports that a major investor, the Hinduja family from Bombay, bad pulled out. But the print went ahead with a headline claim that

the ruling British Conservatives were awarding a £3.5 billion defense contract to British Aerospace in a bid to boost party support in constituencies where the firm has factories. A Defense Ministry spokesman, quoted in the market-leading rival paper The Sunday Times, said: "No

Sunday Business needs to sell 150,000 copies to

Obviously we would not be trying this if we didn't think it could work," he said. The Sunday Times, the Sunday Telegraph, the Observer and the Independent on Sunday are battling for readers in the quality market. All carry

extensive business news. The Sunday Times is top, with average circulation of almost 1.3 million. The Sunday Telegraph sells 660,000 copies, the Observer 465,000 and the Independent on Sunday around 315.000.

break even, but editor and founder Tom Rubython is

confident he can reach his target of 220,000.

The Sunday Correspondent closed in 1990, just over a year after its launch. The Financial Times, Britain's leading businessman's daily, does not publish on

to \$5.15.

markets.

doing very well in this economy."

STOCKS sank yesterday after four days of gains after the Bank of Israel announced it will raise the rate at which it lends to banks. The central bank's decision to

Two-Sided Index

Shares drop

after rate hike

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

FELICE MARANZ

lift rates 0.8 percentage points to 14.8 percent, effective Thursday, disappointed investors, said David Rosenberg, head of research at Herzliya investment firm Pacific Mediterranean.

"For most of last week there were people who thought the bank wouldn't raise rates, or that it would raise them at most 0.5 points," said Rosenberg. Last week share indexes rose

more than 3%. The Maof Index fell 1.55% to

204.3, and the Two-Sided Index fell 1.30% to 194.53. Of 993 issues trading across the exchange nearly three times as many shares fell as rose.

Some NIS 92m. worth of shares traded, NIS 20.3 million above last Thursday's level and about NIS 20m. above last week's average trading level.

Teva Pharmaceuticals Ltd., the most active share on the exchange, was an exception to yesterday's decline.

Maof Index

Teva rose 2.25% as NIS 8.3m. worth of shares changed hands following gains in Teva's American Depositary Receipts traded in New York. The ADRs rose from 431/8 on Wednesday to 447/8 on Friday, the last full day of trading in New York to influence Tel Aviv.

shares rose following gains on Wall Street as well. Clal Electronic Industries Ltd., the only Maof Index-listed stock other than Teva to gain, rose 0.5%. Clal Electronic owns 26%

of ECI, which rose to 245/8 on Friday on Wall Street from 22 on Wednesday. Two-Sided Index-listed Mofet

Israel Technology Fund rose 3.75% following gains in Vocaltec Ltd., a manufacturer of voice communication software for the Internet in which Mofet bolds a

Food importers face months of grain price anxiety

PARIS (Reuter) - The world's poorest oations face mooths of anxiety over grain prices - now at record highs and threatening their weak economies, analysts and traders said yesterday.

decision on the contract has yet been made."

Lack of rain is drying out the US wheat belt and threatens to postpone for another year a much-needed recovery in global grain reserves from 20-year lows.

Doomsday predictions by Thomas Malthus, the 18th-century British cleric who predicted rising populations would run out of food, are far from being proved

But the margin for failure is uncomfortably slim in a year when Western farmers are struggling to make up for several annual production shortfalls which have eaten into stocks.

"I think we can get through this year on the back of stocks. but if there is a bad crop in 1996, then we could be in a more serious position," said Bill de Maria, assistant executive director at the

International Grains Council. Fears of damage in the US, the world's largest grain exporter, started a stampede on frantic Midwest futures exchanges last week. Wheat and corn prices soared with a busbel of Kansas wheat touching an alltime high near \$6.40.

Dealers said wheat in several important areas had been starved of moisture and appeared to be deteriorating rapidly.

Storms moving now into the Midwest could spark a sell-off if they bring enough rain. But with no let-up in demand, wheat importers face months of

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agonizing volatility, traders said.

"The beat will not be out of this market until the end of July," said a senior US trader in Geneva, the capital for grain deals between Western exporters and the Third World.

In a sign of alarm oo Friday, Morocco, a key importer whose economy has already been hit hard by high prices, canceled its second attempt in a week to buy 60,000 tonnes of foreign wheat,

Such a purchase would cost some \$15 million today, whereas two years ago with exporter subsidies that bave since been axed due to high prices - it would have cost a third as much.

Consumption is rising steadily, as more people in developing countries move to cities and grow accustomed to Western

diets that eventually require grain bread, meat and dairy goods.

To prevent unrest, many countries which encouraged the trend are unwilling to halt the flow of wheat, meaning funds must be diverted from elsewbere in their economies, experts say.

"The have-nots are slowly creeping up on the haves. A higher proportion of a larger population is beginning to get a better diet," said another European trader. "The question is where does the money come from."

Adding to importers' unease, markets are obsessed by weather this year but they cannot fully crase the memory of Soviet raids on U.S. markets which caused the last price boom 20 years

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EU fisheries ministers to agree on more flexible quota system

BRUSSELS (Reuter) Fishermen look set to benefit from a more flexible fish catch quota system due to be agreed by European Union fisheries ministers today,

EU officials said. Quotas are currently set annually causing serious problems for fishermen toward the end of the year, when limits for certain species are exhausted and fisheries have to be

But the European Commission, the EU's executive, has now proposed allowing fishermen to bor-row up to 20 percent of a fish catch quota from the following year if the current quota is fin-

"The proposal is of strategic importance, because it will allow fishermen to plan their fishing better," European Commission fisheries spokesman Filippo di Robilant said. It will reduce wastage due to the

jettisoning, or discard, of fish which have been caught as bycatches but whose quotas have been fully utilized, he added. For instance, fishermen hunting sole may catch plaice in the same net but have to throw it overboard because its quota bas been filled.

Some EU member states, anxious

to safeguard stocks, oppose the commission's plan to borrow from next year's quota, saying it could encourage overfishing.
Officials said a compromise of 10% could be agreed, but it was

premature to say which species or fishing zones would be affected. However, stocks for which no scientific advice is available, and where "precautionary" total allowable catches (TACs) are set, are the most likely to included in

Any horrowing of quotas would be regarded as a "loan" and should be paid back, officials said. A similar arrangement would apply to transferring any unused quotas to the following

Fishermen would be penalized for overfishing by having quotas cut the following year. Penalties would start to bite after catches exceeded quotas by more than 10% and would then be progres-

sively increased. The new system, which would take effect from January 1997. depends upon all member states giving accurate figures for fish landings, officials stressed.

But some said the record of some countries caused concern.

Survey: Vietnam most stressful for managers in Asia

SINGAPORE (Reuter) - Vietnam is the most stressful country to live and work in Asia, followed by India, China, South Korea and Indonesia, according to a survey of expatriate managers by a Hong Kong-based group.

At the other end of the scale was Singapore, trailed by Malaysia. Hong Kong and Japan, the Political and Economic Risk Consultancy Ltd (PERC) said in its latest Asian Intelligence report made available yesterday.

In the survey, carried out in the first quarter of 1996, expatriate managers were asked to grade stress levels in their living and working environment both in

their home and host countries. Singapore scored 2.43 and Vietnam 7.56 on a scale of zero to 10, with zero representing the best situation possible and 10 the worst. Other countries surveyed included Thailand, Taiwan and the Philippines.

With the exception of Americans, who consider the environment in Singapore to be less stressful than that of the US, most other respondents - including Australians, Swiss and British - considered stress levels at home to be significantly less than in virtually every Asian country.
PERC said Singapore may have

received its favorable grade, because expatriates in the islandstate found it easier to communicate and understand the concerns of Singaporeans. It said the main cause of the

stress doing business in Vietnam or China was an initial inability to communicate and understand each other's specific goals for joint ventures and, once an arrangement was entered into, a continued inability to communicate each other's logic and con-

Lakers 106, Timberwolves 82

Cedric Ceballos senred 22 of his

36 points in the second half as the

Los Angeles routed Minnesota in

their home finale, giving Del

Harris his 100th victory as their

The Lakers, who have gone 36-

12 after a 17-17 start, concluded

their regular schedule yesterday at Portland before starting their first-

round playoff series against the

two-time defending NBA champi-on Houston Rockets next

Thursday night at the Forum.

Knicks clinch 5th playoff spot

- BOSTON (AP) - Patrick Ewing had 28 points and 13 rebounds yesterday as the New York Knicks clinched the fifth seed in the Eastern Conference with their 15th consecutive victory over the Boston Celtics, 122-111.

The win snapped a two-game losing streak that ruined New York's chance for home-court advantage. The Knicks finished 47-35 - their lowest win total in five years - and will play the - Cleveland Cavaliers in the first round of the playoffs.

Boston finished 33-49. In its first season away from the Boston Garden, the once-proud franchise had its third consecutive losing

SATURDAY'S GAMES Cavaliers 75, Pistons 73

Bobby Phills stripped the ball from Grant Hill with 1.1 seconds left, preserving Cleveland's 75-73 victory over the Detroit Pistons as the Cavaliers clinched homecourt advantage in the first round of the

Phills scored 21 points and Chris Mills had 18 for Cleveland. "which wrapped up the fourth seed in the Eastern Conference. The Pistons, who got 26 points from Allan Housion, are now assured ... of opening the playoffs on the

Both teams were scheduled to finish the regular season vesterday. Cleveland at Indiana and Detroit at home against

Pacers 100, Bulls 99 Chicago failed to tie the NBA record of 40 home wips in a season as Eddie Johnson's last-second free throw gave Indiana the

The Bulls lost two of their last four regular-season games at the United Center after opening with a leagne-record 37 consecutive victories. They needed a win to tie the 1985-86 Boston Celtics' mark of 40-1. The other home loss, to Charlotte on April 8, was also hy one point.

Michael Jordan scored 24 points and rallied the Bulls from a 99-91 deficit to tie with 50 seconds left, hitting a 3-pointer, assisting on Toni Kukoc's 3-pointer and then making a 10-foot jumper.

But Jordan missed a 20-footer for the lead with about 10 seconds left, then was called for fouling Johnson, who was firing up a jumper from just inside the 3point line with a half-second left. Johnson made the first free throw and missed the second intention-

Hawks 121, Nets 99 Christian Laettner and Mookie Blaylock scored 20 points apiece for bost Atlanta, which outscored New Jersey 34-15 in the third

Atlanta went into the final day of the regular season with a 45-36 record, tied with Detroit for the sixth playoff spot and one game behind New York which grabbed the fifth spot.

Jazz 104, Kings 92 Karl Malone scored 18 points and Utah tied its second-best season with 55 victories as the Jazz won at home.

The Kings, assured of eighth place in the Western Conference. were led by Olden Polynice with 21 points and Mitch Richmond and Lionel Simmons with 13

Utah, seeded third, will open the postseason at home Thursday night against No. 6 Portland. Sacramento will be at top-seeded Seattle on Friday.

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Rangers still confident despite trailing 2-0

MONTREAL (AP) - For a team that's lost twice at bome to an underdog, the visiting New York Rangers have lost little of their cockiness.

The Rangers believe they outplayed the Montreal Canadiens in the opening two matches of the best-of-7 NHL playoff series and were looking forward to yesterday's game at the Molson Centre.

We dominated those games in a lot of areas with the exception of putting the puck in the net,"
Rangers coach Colin Campbell
said Saturday. "We produced a lot

We did all the right things. We worked well down low. But they scored on the rush."

Now, the 1994 Stanley Cup champions must win in Montreal. where they're 1-17-3 in their last 21 visits, against a young Canadiens team gaining confi-dence with each victory.

Four other games were set for Sunday with Chicago and Detroit both taking 2-0 leads on the road. The Blackhawks were slated to play in Calgary while the Red Wings headed to Winnipeg. Elsewhere, Philadelphia was scheduled to hreak its 1-1 series tie with host Tampa Bay, and the

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Blues and Toronto also were tied 1-1 entering Game 3 in St. Louis. In Saturday night's action, Colorado beat Vancouver 4-0 to take a 2-1 lead in their best-of-7 Western Conference series. Peter Forsberg, Valeri Kamensky and Claude Lemieux each scored power-play goals in the first two periods as the Avalanche's special teams dominated the game at GM

After winning the first game 3-2 in overtime, Montreal coach Mario Tremblay showed his players a newspaper clipping quoting
New York general manager Neil
Smith as saying New York would
win the series because the
Rangers are bigger and

stronger. "It said the longer the series went, the better their chances were," said Tremblay, "I don't think the smaller guys like (Saku) Koivu or (Valeri) Bure liked that too much

Not all the Rangers are as confi-

"You can't say you played well when you lose two games at home," Rangers defenseman Ulf Samuelsson said. "But it's not a "I think we played better than

season, but we can't turn it on and off. We have to keep getting bet-

Tampa Bay returns home after its 2-1 overtime victory Thursday night and were happy not to have to face an entirely healthy Flyers team. Eric Lindros bruised his left knee Thursday and Joel Otto sprained his left knee, but both were expected to play. John LeClair (sprained left ankle) and John Druce (sprained left knee) are less likely.

EASTERN CONFERENCE Pittsburgh at Washington (today) (Washington leads series 2-0) NY Rangers at Montreal (last night) (Montreal leads series 2-0) Philadelphia at Tampa Bay (last night (Series tied at 1-1) Boston at Florida (today) (Florida leads series 1-0)

WESTERN CONFERENCE Colorado 4, Vancouver 0 Colorado at Vancouver (today) (Colorado leads series 2-t) Detroit at Winnipeg (last night) (Detroit leads series 2-0) Chicago at Calgary (last night) (Chicago leads series 2-0) Toronto at St. Louis (last night) (Series tied 1-1)

Muster chides 'American' Agassi after winning Spanish Open

BARCELONA (Reuter) - Thomas Muster retained his Spanish Open Little yesterday, outlasting Chilean sixth-seed Marcelo Rios - and then took a verbal swipe at Andre Agassi in their ongoing debate about American domination of the sport.

Muster criticized US control of the circuit on Friday, saying it means clay-court tennis was dying because tournaments played on the surface were squeezed into just eight weeks.

Agassi responded on Saturday by suggesting the Austrian "would not be so paranoid if there weren't so many people following him every-where and Muster could not resist the temptation of another verbal vol-

His comments probably come from eating too many hamburgers with English meat," said Muster, after clocking up his 30th consecutive victory on clay with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1 win over Rios. Muster, who last week yielded his No. 1 world ranking to Pete Sampras, lost his serve in the third game but broke back twice to take the first set.

Rios survived two break points at 4-1, kept his serve and then broke Muster to take the second set but after a break at the beginning of the third set there was no way back for the Chilean. "I knew when I took the first set, even though he won the second, that

I would win. He tired and started missing a lot of balls towards the end. said Muster, whose third title of the season was achieved in characteristically uncompromising style.



HAT-TRICK - Dionicio Ceron (No. 1) passes beneath the Tower Bridge en route to his third-straight London Marathon title yesterday. With temperatures reaching the mid-70s F, Ceron won in 2 hours 10 minutes

IFA calls off all 2nd **Division matches**

THE Israel Football Association yesterday decided to postpone the next round of Second Division matches by at least a week and hold them on May 4.

tion in the North. The IFA has been left with no option, as its standing orders state that any backlog of postponed fixtures must be cleared within five matches of the completion of the league. Kiryat Shmona has been paralyzed since the deterioration of the security situation there dir-ing the past two weeks. With 25

having been played by last Saturday, Kiryat Shmona bas still to complete matches against Maccabi Kiryat Gat and Maccabi The move comes following Yavne. The next fixture this week-Hapoel Kiryat Shmona's inability end is a bome match against end is a bome match against to keep up with the rest of the Hapoel Ramat Gan. The post-league due to the security situa- poned matches have been poned matches have been rescheduled, with the northerners due to host Kiryat Gat on April 30 and the away match in Yavne to be played on May 6. IFA managing director Ya'akov Erel said yesterday that there is still a chance that the decision could be changed, but only if a cease fire in Operation Grapes of Wrath is reached within the next 24 hours.

matches of the 30-round league

Mets snap skid with 10th-inning win

NEW YORK (AP) - Jose the buth of his son, singled home the winning run with two outs inthe 10th inning and the New York Mets bear the Colorado Rockies 4-3, ending a three-game losing

Andres Galarraga bomered He led off the ninth inning with a home run against John Franco (2-

0), tying it at 3.

Rey Ordonez opened the Mets' 10th with a bloop single off John Habyan (0-1) and moved to sec-CAESARIA, EXPERIENCED CLERK ond on a two-strike sacrifice hy in important typing in English and expinite birth. Brent Mayne. Vizcaino singled, and Ordonez slid home ahead of right fielder.

Dante Bichette's throw. Vizcaino left Friday night's game for a pinch-hitter when his wife, Jessica, went into labor with the couple's third child. Their son, Jonathan, was born later in the evening.

Giants 8, Cubs 4

Barry Bonds homered, donbled and drove in three runs and visiting San Francisco ended Chicago's four-game winning

The teams combined for five ome runs, taking advantage of 21 mpb winds. A day earlier, the clubs hit nine bomers.

Bonds went 3-for-5. He led off ARE PALOGE - QUALITY CARS: the third inning with his sixth homer, a towering shot onto Sheffield Avenue beyond the right-field bleachers, and had a two-run double in the fourth.

Expos 11, Pirates 2 Darrin Fletcher hit his first grand slam and tied a career-high with five RBIs and Henry Rodriguez homered twice, leading Pedro Martinez and Montreal to a home win.

Rodriguez, who also doubled and drove in four runs, and Moises Alou hit consecutive home runs in the first inning against John Ericks (0-3). Ericks has lost eight straight decisions since last Aug. 5.
Fletcher hit a grand slam off

reliever Lee Hancock during a six run third inning and added an RBI single in the fifth.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Jack McDowell pitched five-, hit ball for 6 innings for his second victory over Boston this week and Julio Franco had a tworun single to lead host Cleveland. McDowell (2-1), who earned his 13th career shutout in a 8-0 twice Saturday, doubled and victory on Monday, allowed one drove in all three Rockies runs. run before leaving with two outs and a man on in the seventh in

> pitched the ninth for his fourth White Sox 8, Athletics 3 Tony. Phillips bomered and drove in four runs for visiting

Saturday's game. Jose Mesa

Chicago. _ The White Sox won their third in a row and sent the A's to their fourth straight loss..

Rangers 8, Orioles 3
Will Clark drove in four runs. including a three-run homer in the first inning, and Juan Gonzalez added a two-run homer as host Texas won its fourth straight, matching its best start ever at 12-

Ivan Rodriguez went 3-for-5 with a solo homer, double and single for Texas.

Yankees 7, Twins 6 Ruben Sierra homered twice and drove in four runs as visiting New York spoiled Rick Aguilera's return to the starting rotation and stopped a three-game losing streak.

Aguilera lasted only three innings in his first start since September 1989, allowing four runs and seven hits in three imings.

John Wetteland pitched the ointh for his second save, allowing an RBI double to pincb-hitter Chip Hale.

SATURDAY'S NL GAMES Montreal 11, Pittsburgh 2 New York 4, Colorado 3 (10) San Francisco 8, Cricago 4 Florida 7, Los Angeles 4
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LOCAL GOLF - In this weekend's Nassan Golf Competition at the Caesarea Golf Club, Michael Danile and Homi Mosenson scored 46 stableford points to win. Eli Gitlin and Solly Friedman took second place with 25 points on the back nine. Yitzhak Danker and Eli Hasson were third with their 23 on the front nine.

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true love story about a young couple who met at the Ein Harod training facility. Shmulik was killed in 1947 and Zohara in 1948. Their story is told against the backdrop of the

Palmah. 21:34 A Sword in the Valley - the story of the Mizrahi family from

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8:00 Falcon Crest (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 9:45 The Young and tha Restless (rpt) 10:30 Second Time Around 10:55 WKRP in Cincinnati 11:25 Celeste (rpt) 12:10 Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Perry Mason 13:30 Bob – comedy 14:05 Tha A Team 14:45 Falcon Crest

Remembrance Day for the Fallen of Israel's Wars - Family Channel and Movie Channel present com-bined broadcasts beginning at

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Independence until the victory in the Six Day War 17:00 Night Slogan — 90 soldiers from the Alaxandroni Brigade were killed in the battle for the Faluja pockat in the War of Independence. This program investigates how battla plans became so badly thwarted, and why the battle

and two sons in Israel's wars

ing day of the names of the fallen

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■ ETV 2 (23)

Bruce Willis plays an unwilling volunteer who embarks on an experimental trip back to the year 1996 to find the source of a deadly virus in '12 Monkeys.'

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE JERUSALEM Symphony Orchestra celebrates Independence Day with its annual festive concert. This time Yutaka Sado, winner of the first Leonard Bernstein International Conducting Competition, is on the podium leading the orchestra in Beethoven's Seventh Symphony and in two overtures for brass by Ben Zion Orgad.

The major part of the program is devoted to opera with soprano Laura Aikin and tenor John Dickie singing arias and duets from Die Zauberflote and Don Giovanni (Mozart), Rigoletto (Verdi), Les Contes d'Hoffmann (Offenbach), Hamlet (Thomas), Judittà (Lehar) and L'elisir d'amore (Donizetti). After the concert patrons are invited to a dance ball in the Jerusalem Theater's foyer. Tuesday 9:30 at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall.

CINEMA

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** MIGHTY APHRODITE -- Woody Allen's latest offering continues along the mildly entertaining, overwhelmingly unambitious lines of his last few films. Jittery as always, Allen plays Lenny, a sportswriter married to a distracted, wellheeled gallery owner (Helena Bonham Carter, who stutters eerily here, just like Mia Farrow).

A bit bored by his marriage, Lenny resolves to

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find out the identity of their adopted son's biological mother: she turns out to be a prostitute and poru actress - and an Episcopalian, to boot. Played by Mira Sorvino (who won a best supporting actress Oscar for the part). Linda is big, blonde and literal, a perfect foil for Allen's nebbishy little Lenny. The movie's hang-ups feel very familiar; remarkably enough, they're also pretty funny. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.)

*** 12 MONKEYS —In many ways, Terry Gilliam's latest movie is an attempt to synthesize the themes that have run throughout all of the director's work, an effort to find some makeshift use for the contents jam-packed into the warehouse of his own loopy visual imagination. It's a tribute to detritus of all sorts.

The picture takes place in an old-fashioned future, where enormous, rusting cranks, chutes and turbines crowd the dingy underground landscape. The year is 2035 and 99 percent of the planet's population has been wiped out by a deadly virus - a strain of plague which also sounds yaguely archaic, medieval, like the Black Death.

Bruce Willis stars as a convict sent back in time to gain knowledge and save the earth from further destruction, while Madeleine Stowe is a sexy expert in apocalyptic visions, and Brad Pitt, in a bravado comic performance, plays a wild-eyed schizophrenic who talks at a furious rate and jabs his fingers frantically into the open air, railing crazily about the craziness of The System. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles, Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.)

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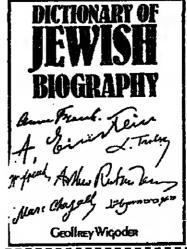
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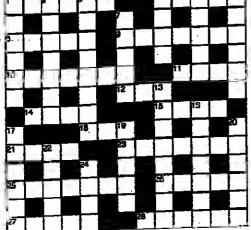
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SHOULD the Likud win the upcoming election, it would "continue the peace process, while ascertaining the other side's sincerity and keeping security in Israel's hands," Binyamin Netanyahu said yesterday.

The Likud's prime ministerial candidate was addressing the Israel Council for Foreign Relations in Jerusalem.

Netanyahu had outlined his foreign policy guidelines to the party leadership before delivering his speech. Only MK Ze'ev Binyamin Begin ohjected. Netanyahu said a Likud govern-

ment would maintain continuous contacts with the Palestinians via the liaison committees and the

joint security patrols.
"We accept facts on the ground, but will work to minimize the risks to Israel resulting from the Oslo accords. We have no intention of going hack into the Palestinian cities." Netanyahu said, stressing that he continues to consider Oslo "a bad deal, though we cannot ignore the fairs accompli it has yielded."

He said he would move ahead with the final status talks, and that a Likud government would reach a more tenable agreement with the Palestinians, "but these contacts will hinge on preventing further acts of terror, the nullification of the Palestinian Covenant, and the cessation of virulent anti-Israel incitement and propaganda.

Yasser Arafat has "not only been lax in hringing an end to such anti-Israel and anti-Jewish invective, but he has himself been a major practitioner of such propaganda," he said.

"We are inheriting a bad agreement which has created a had set of facts on the ground. But for all of our opposition to the agreement as such, we cannot ignore those facts which it has created. The Oslo agreements were bad and were particularly remiss in regard to Israel's security, but by not ignoring disadvantageous facts, we can act to limit the dam-

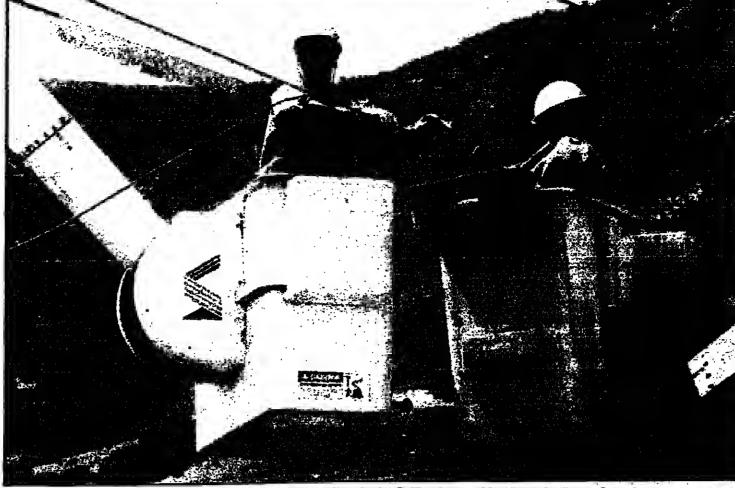
age already wrought."

Netanyahu stressed that he and his party "have no desire and see no reason to put diplomatic processes in a deep freeze. We wish to continue them. The question is how to do so."

He suggested that Jordan has a role in the final settlement talks, in spheres such as finance and banking. Netanyahu would also welcome Western investment in the autonomous areas to build infrastructure, provide jobs, and increase living standards.

On the regional level, Netanyahu proposed setting up a NATO-like framework with countries like Jordan and Turkey to cooperate on such security-related issues as terrorism.

Netanyahu's aims as far as Syria is concerned might be an agreement short of full peace, but with the Golan in Israel's hands. There will be no abandoning the Golan under a Likud-led governmment, Netanyahu stated.



Electric Corporation linemen yesterday repair high tension lines in the Galilee damaged by Katyusha fire on Saturday. (A. Shapin/Issuel Sun)

Likud unveils new slogan

THE Likud's latest campaign slogan is "No security – no peace. No reason to vote for Peres." According to MK Limor Livnat, who heads the party's information drive, the slogan will be featured along with "Netanyahu - making a secure

She was speaking at a gathering of campaign activists at Metzudat Ze ev yesterday, saying that the next campaign move will be to highlight the failings of the Peres government.

Livnat reported that party legal advisers have written Peres demanding that he remove Honsing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer on the ground that "he is hlantantly exploiting his ministerial status in fulfilling his

role as head of the Labor campaign. He has been sending his campaign workers to deface highways, overpasses, and pub-lic property. This is precisely what he should be hattling against."

The gathering was attended by two Likud activists who had been hadly beaten, allegedly by

Oren Sharabi and Sharon Losson filed a complaint with the Tel Aviv police that they had heen assaulted while hanging hanners. Both were taken to Ichilov Hospital, after about 15 Labor activists allegedly cut Sharabi's face, which needed stitches, and took his cellular

phone. Losson was badly kicked

Ramon: Netanyahu won't succeed changing public opinion with tricks

"BINYAMIN Netanyahu will not succeed in his attempt to deceive the public and to dis-guise himself as something else," Labor campaign informa-tion chairman Haim Ramon, said yesterday. He was referring to the changes in Likud's platform on the peace process.

Ramon blasted what he called Netanyahu's "weather vane" policy, adding that "for four years Netanyahu has been the government's political and diplomatic moves. There is no way that he will persuade the public that he is now for the peace process, which he has called the government's failure."

Ramon said "first Netanyahu said the agreements with the Palestinians would lead to Katyushas on Ashkelon. Then he said the agreements are a disaster, and the IDF must return to Gaza to try to change them. A year ago, he said he himself

would not talk to [Yasser] Arafat, hut his foreign minister would. Now, at the advice of his PR people, he is changing his opinion once again, saying that he recognizes the agreements signed hy the governments of Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres and will act to implement them. "Either Netanyahu says only

or he simply has no opinions of his own."

Speaking at a press briefing on Labor's campaign, which will start in the press next Sunday and on television on May 8, Ramon said the main issue is the function and performance of the incumbent prime minister. "Shimon Peres's work as prime minister and defense minister

since the terrorist attacks has increased the gap between Labor and the Likud," he said.

Ramon said Labor's campaign will reflect the dissatisfaction with Netanyahu's leadership which is prevalent among many Likud voters and in the Likud leadership. The campaign broadcasts will show former Likud voters who will not vote for Netanyahn because they don't know exactly what he wants and

Labor's campaign will stress the terrorism offensive launched by Iran through Hizbullah and Hamas to prevent Peres from remaining prime minister, to destroy the peace process.

He noted that the personal campaign against Netanyahu has not been shelved, but will be used only when and if necessary. "Each thing in turn. The public does not want personal attacks or curses, but facts and performance," he said.

Parties present positions on environmental issues

"VOTE green" was the simple slogan behind a meeting in Tel Aviv yesterday at which representatives from eight political parties presented their platforms on environmental

The event was organized by the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel and the Life and Environment group. SPNI urged candidates to consider issues such as promoting public transport; preserving land reserves: protecting beaches and water quality; recycling and garbage disposal; pesticide control; and noise and air pol-

environmental groups for failing to Environmental concerns mancall for nuclear non-proliferation aged to bring together such diverse and the government for not ensur-MKs as Moledet leader Rehavam ing equal infrastructure for Arab Ze'evi and Hadash MK Tamar and Jewish settlements. Gozansky, MK Yigal Bibi (National Religious Party) was the only reli-

gious MK to show up. won a round of applause from supporters from different parties by pledging to continue the fight against the Trans-Israel Highway. Although the speakers all agreed

on the main points, several found environmental justification for their

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid

that without Israeli control over the Golan Heights the quality of water in the Kinneret could not be ensured.

MK Emanuel Zissman (Labor-Third Way) emphasized the need for suitable construction in Jerusalem. Ze'evi called for the preservation of historic sites and

Likud MK Uzi Landau warned

Yemin Yisrael announces platform, candidates

political stands. Gozansky berated THE Yemin Yisrael Party believes in "transferring" Soviet Union who is a former Kach activist. Gutman cards were the acc of spades, jack Arab residents of Judea and Samaria beyond the "Western Land of Israel," party No. 2 Shaul Gutman

> Gutman was speaking at a Tel Aviv news conference at which the party announced it would compete in the Knesset elections and presented its platform and candidates.

> Asked whether the party also wants to "transfer" Israeli Arabs, Gutman said that if a demographic problem were to arise in Israel that would harm its Jewish residents, "the government would have to find a way to reduce the Arah minority within the Green Line."

Yemin Yisrael's No. 1 is Miriam Lapid, whose husband was killed in a terror attack near Hebron. No. 3 is Shlomo Linsky, an immigrant from the former

was elected to the present Knesset as No. 2 on Moledet's list and has since broken ties with that party.

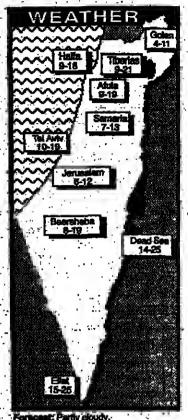
Other main points in Yemin Yisrael's platform include implementing Israeli sovereignty over Judea. Samaria, and the Gaza Strip and removing Wakf authority over the Temple Mount.

Meretz has petitioned the Elections Commission against Yemin Yisrael's running in the elections, saying the party holds racist and illegal beliefs. Gutman said he believes the commission, which is "made up of politicians," would disqualify his list, but said the party would appeal such a decision to the High Court

The party has announced its support for Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu in the prime ministerial



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Sentence of wife-killer commuted to manslaughter

EVELYN GORDON

THE Supreme Court yesterday converted the conviction of a man who killed his wife and her lover from murder to manslanghter, on the grounds that the crime was committed under the spur of immediate provocation.

Maurice Azuelos had begun hearing rumors in 1982 that his wife was having an affair with Eliahu Ankawa, a close friend who lived nearby. Though his wife spent large amounts of time at Ankawa's house, she repeatedly denied having an affair with him, and Ankawa's wife also said nothing was going on.

Eventually, after finding his wife at Ankawa's house at midnight one night. Azuelos demanded that the visits cease. His wife responded by filing for divorce - which Azuelos opposed - and both sides filed complaints against each other with the police. Sara Aznelos. said her hushand, who had moved out of the house, had threatened to kill her and Ankawa.

Azuelos went to see his wife. Not finding her home, he waited at Ankawa's house until Ankawa and his wife drove np in Ankawa's car, at about 12:30 a.m. An argument broke out, during which Azuelos threatened to kill Ankawa, but he eventually walked away, and Ankawa drove off.

was having an affair with Sara, and hugged and kissed her. Azgelos saw red-and shot them both. He then turned himself in

to the police. The Nazareth District Court rejected Azuelos' claim that the shooting was an unpremeditated response to an immediate provocation, which would have made the crime manslaughter. The court said the hug and kiss in the car should have been no surprise to Azuelos, since he had suspected his wife for nine years, and added that most people in similar circumstances would not have lost their temper so completely unless they had intended murder to start with. Azuelos appealed to the Supreme Court.

Justices Aharon Barak, Eliahu Mazza, and Dalia Dorner upheld the appeal. Seeing the hug and kiss in the car was a genuine shock, they said, because it was the first time Azuelos' suspicions were confirmed. Furthermore, they said, the fact that he had confronted the two only a few minutes earlier and walked away with no violence done showed the killing was unplanned.

In addition, they said, the average man probably would have reacted the same way.

"The blood of the average #: Israeli is likely to boil when he; or she sees his or her spouse committing adultery, and when the act of adultery is intended entirely to demonstrate the fact reversed his car and stopped by that adultery is occurring," they

